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## MoD to probe scientist's claim over radioactive dockyard site

By Chris Murphy

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THE Ministry of Defence is to probe a plot of land in Chatham amid mounting concerns radioactive material with a half-life of 5,700-years is buried beneath it.

The land on the former dockyard site was known to contain some radioactive material – but there are now claims it may contain more.

The allegations have been raised by radiation scientist Fred Dawson.

He worked for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for 31 years. He left in 2009 after heading up its radiation protection policy team.

He has highlighted an area that may still contain some 300 cubic metres of radioactive waste, albeit low level, which was buried there between 1968 and 1986.

There is no suggestion the waste is posing any sort of risk to the public – but Mr Dawson says it is essential an investigation takes place to confirm just what lies beneath the ground to protect future generations.

The publication of a Government report last month suggested there are far more contaminated sites in the UK than the MoD officially lays claim to in its own report.

The new claims relate to a small walled site off Pier Approach Road. The land is still owned by the MoD.

The town's former Navy base was home to some of the nation's maintenance programme for nuclear submarines, which were often refitted and refuelled there, including the removal of radioactive components.

When the base shut down in 1984,

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CELEBRITY

### Pub landlord is soap star

A FORMER star of BBC soap EastEnders and The Bill has become the new landlord of a pub in Rochester. And he has promised to sprinkle a little star dust on to the venue to inject a new lease of life. He says he'll combine a role behind the bar with regular TV and film work.

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POLITICS

### Labour leader quits top job

LABOUR group leader Paul Godwin has stepped down after 13 years of leading the opposition. And on Monday he was swiftly replaced by his former deputy, Vince Maple, following the party's AGM. At just 34, Cllr Maple becomes the youngest Labour group leader in the county.

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SPORT

### Can Gills sign off with a win?

GILLINGHAM are determined to finish with a flourish this afternoon as they entertain Morecambe at Priestfield for the final game of the season.

Having missed out on the play-offs, assistant boss Nicky Southall says the team are "duty bound" to win for their home support.

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TODAY:

Largely overcast with some patchy drizzle or light rain developing at times. Cold. Gentle north-easterly winds. Max temp 6-9C (43-48F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	10.50	6.7	23.13	6.9
Margate	11.56	4.7	-	-
St Mary's	04.30	5.7	16.56	5.8

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 10C	Min 4C
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WASTE

Scientist calls for confirmation of long-lasting radioactive waste

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huge swathes of land were skimmed to eliminate any chance of radioactive contamination of new homes and businesses that went on the site.

Some went to Sellafield and some was buried locally, said Mr Dawson.

But he claims he has found evidence the former dockyard site is possibly home to waste including radioactive elements Cobalt 60 and Carbon 14.

Cobalt 60 has a half life of about six years; meaning by now its radioactive level would be 93 per cent lower. But Carbon 14 has a half life of 5,700-years making it more serious.

The dockyard had burial permission because, Mr Dawson says, only Cobalt 60 was listed.

Mr Dawson told this paper: "I don't think it's that dangerous. I think the waste is there and it's undisturbed."

"It was discovered in 2000 that these waste streams also contained Carbon 14. I am saying they need to demonstrate to everyone concerned that there isn't a problem."

"The radiation Carbon 14 emits is a very soft radiation, so it is not going to beam out through the soil and expose people walking down the road. No one is going to drop down dead as a result of it."

He adds: "The fact the MOD still owns this land suggests the risk is not insignificant."

The MOD said: "We are confident that the UK Radioactive Waste Inventory provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on former and current MOD sites."

They are aware of 12 MOD sites as of 2010. Chatham is not one. The only one in the county is non-MoD and is at Dungeness where a power station is being decommissioned.

A source said: "We note the allegations being made and we are going to look into it to see if there is any truth in them."

CAMPAIGN

Generous readers help to keep the elderly alive through winter

By Marijke Cox  
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VULNERABLE and elderly people who would usually struggle through the colder months have survived the winter thanks to the generosity of our readers.

Thousands of pounds were raised through Surviving Winter, a campaign led by the Kent Community Foundation (KCF) and Saga, and supported by Archant KOS Media.

The scheme invited well-off households to donate some or all of their £200 winter fuel payment – given tax-free by the Government to every household with a person aged 60 or over – to poorer elderly or vulnerable people.

A total of £15,239 was raised, with £2,450 coming from our readers using the coupon provided in this paper.

Donations helped provide hardship grants for poorer pensioners and fund advice and support groups.

KCF said thank you to this newspaper and its readers for supporting the drive.

Chief executive Carol Lynch said: "We were delighted we managed to raise more than £15,000 for elderly people who struggle with the cold over the winter through our appeal.

"The campaign was driven by the generosity of older members of our com-

LIFE-SAVING: The donations helped vulnerable elderly people through the winter

munity who felt the winter fuel payment was a luxury they could live without and wanted it to benefit others.

"We worked with our charitable networks throughout Kent and redistributed those generous donations to other older people in real need, both as individual hardship funds and as grants to groups to help their members keep warm and well over the winter.

"Fortunately this winter wasn't as bitter as some we have known in Kent,

Surviving Winter

but we were delighted that our funds made a real difference to so many older people's lives."

Each year there are more than 1,000 excess winter deaths in Kent and Medway.

Funds raised went towards projects supporting elderly people in real need, with more than £5,000 given as individual hardship grants. Funding went to Age Concern branches, and paying for nurse time and support services to prevent isolation and loneliness.

Almost £2,300 will be used to fund early projects next winter and KCF hopes to launch an educational project about the importance of preparing for the cold and conserving energy.

KCF's Annette Fettes said: "I'd like to thank you all at Archant KOS Media once again for your help in running this appeal."

"You certainly helped raise awareness of the issues facing many older people each winter, and as a result generated donations which made winter more bearable for many older people in real need across the county."

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## CELEBRITY

# After drinking at the Queen Vic, star is now inspired to become pub landlord

By Marijke Cox

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YOU'LL be more used to seeing him on your TV screens, but former East Enders actor Stuart Antony is about to appear in a pub near you.

The 25-year-old has recently become landlord of The Granville Arms in Rochester and intends to bring it to life with live music and entertainment.

And despite a busy acting career – the ex-soap star is currently promoting his latest film *Light the Lights* with Calum Best – he says he'll cope juggling both jobs.

Mr Antony starred in ITV cop drama *The Bill* as PC Ben Smith and later appeared as Spencer and Albie Moon's friend Simon White in BBC soap *EastEnders* in 2004. He has also appeared in *Rose and Maloney*, *Mike Bassett: England Manager* and *Silent Witness*.

"I've always been an actor; I left school and went straight into *The Bill*," he said. "But I'd always been interested in pubs too, so this is a great opportunity."

"I want to keep it as a local pub with live music, entertainment and themed nights. I'll be hosting festivities for the Rochester Sweeps



**EASTENDER:** Stuart Antony played the role of Simon White in the soap

Festival this weekend with music from Hobo Jones, The Chimney Boys and Ferral Mouth to name but a few bands.

"This is a great opportunity to get people through the doors."

Mr Antony, who was born in Dartford, said he'll also be hosting a

jubilee party to celebrate the Queen's 60 years on the throne next month.

The former Swan Valley Community School pupil is currently promoting *Light the Lights*, in which he plays the character Harry Wood alongside late footballer George Best's son Calum.

The film will be touring the film festival circuit throughout 2012.

"Calum's a really good guy. Through acting you meet lots of people who you see on TV and expect to be a certain way, but when you meet them they're lovely," he said.

"When I was on *EastEnders* working with Barbara Windsor and Shane Ritchie, you forget they're famous as they're so nice. I've met some really nice people through my career."

And Mr Antony, who has also appeared in popular films including *Batman Begins*, *Green Street* and *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*, hopes this will continue with his new role as a landlord.

"It's a great place and a lovely atmosphere and I love meeting new people so it's an ideal business opportunity for me really," he said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Chaos after M2 smash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital yesterday after being cut free from the wreckage of her overturned car following a crash during the morning rush-hour on the M2.

The incident took place on the London-bound section of the motorway close to junction three at the A229 Blue Bell Hill.

However, the accident caused a hold-up for motorists as the motorway was closed causing huge tailbacks.

## ➔ Festival tickets on sale

TICKETS for Public Image Ltd's eagerly anticipated headline performance in Rochester go on sale today (Friday).

Fronted by former Sex Pistol John Lydon, PiL will top the bill at the inaugural Music Event One (ME1) event which takes place on July 28.

Tickets cost £26. Also on the bill are The Wedding Present, Theatre Royal and Kids Unique. Other venues along the High Street will host live music during the day.

## ➔ Dockyard's award vote

A LEADING magazine has nominated the Historic Dockyard for a top award.

It has been shortlisted for Britain's Best Heritage Attraction in the BBC's *Countryside Magazine Awards 2012* and is the running against a host of other venues around the UK. There are 12 awards in total up for grabs.

Now it is up to the public to get behind it and vote. For details on how you can support it, visit [www.countryfile.com/awardsvote](http://www.countryfile.com/awardsvote). Voting closes on June 1. The magazine ties in with the popular BBC TV show.

## CHILDREN

# Is hunt for a new home for Green Street pre-school nearly over?

HOPES are high that alternative premises have been found for a popular crèche which faced an uncertain future after a council decision to shut the building in which it is based.

More than 50 children attend pre-school at the Green Street Adult Education Centre in Gillingham.

Amid fears of job losses for staff and a potential big price hike due to increased rent in a new site, those at the centre say they hope an alternative site has now been found.

The existing site is due to be sold at the end of July.

Deputy supervisor Christine Forbes said: "A lot of parents depend on us. We have been told we need to move out and are now desperately looking for a new home."

"The crèche has been here for around 40 years and now we have to leave. Presently we are very lucky to have our two rooms here rent free."

"But if we end up in another location with rent to pay, we will need to pass that on; a lot of parents will find it difficult to cope with the extra cost."

"We also have nine staff



**SOLUTION?** It is thought alternative premises have been found


whose jobs will be in jeopardy if nothing is done."

Pre-school supervisor Sue Hedley added: "Although the future is not completely resolved, the information and options from the council have improved."

Gillingham South's Cllr David Colman said the authority has found some alternative premises and together with the crèche, they are assessing their suitability.


He said: "The rates will be zero as it's a charity, but if there are rents to be paid, we will need to thrash out some sort of deal to ensure it's a success. Many families depend on this service, so we need to find a sensible solution."

"It has been running for many years and is a cherished community asset, providing an open and friendly environment for young children in their formative years."



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## COUNCIL

# Labour young gun steps into hotseat as Godwin quits after 13-year reign

By Chris Britcher

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VINCE Maple was unanimously elected as the new group leader of the Medway Labour Party on Monday – just days after Paul Godwin confirmed he was stepping down after 13 years in the role.

Cllr Godwin, 59, who will continue to represent Chatham Central, confirmed on Friday he would quit the job, saying he was “looking forward to taking a step back” from frontline politics. His public announcement came just ahead of this week's Labour AGM, when all posts in the shadow cabinet are elected.

At just 34, Cllr Maple becomes the youngest Labour group leader in the south east.

He said: “It is a great honour and it will be a difficult act to follow Paul's leadership. I will continue to hold the administration to account and stand up for all residents.

“Politics has got a bad reputation in recent years, so I want to rebuild people's trust over time. I want to make sure peo-

ple feel their voice is being heard, because I know not listening is a complaint I hear repeatedly about the current Tory administration. The Labour team want to work with people across Medway to make it an even better place to work, learn and live.”

Prior to focusing on local government service, Cllr Maple was a trade union officer for the GMB union, previously working as a civil servant in the Department of Work & Pensions and the Home Office.

He has served as Labour spokesman since just ahead of this week's Labour AGM, when all posts in the shadow cabinet are elected.

A spokesman for the Labour group explained Cllr Godwin's departure. They said: “The reason this decision comes now is that Thursday was the final meeting of Medway Council for



the municipal year. Cllr Godwin felt like it was a good time to step down and make way for someone else.”

Cllr Godwin said: “It has been a great privilege to lead the Medway Labour group over the last 13 years, during which time I have worked with a loyal and dedicated set of councillors in my group.

“I have decided to stand down so that I can have more free time to pursue other things but I will continue to be an active councillor as well as con-



tinuing my work on the Kent Police Authority until November and as deputy chair of the Kent and Medway NHS Social Care and Partnership Trust.”

**LEADER:** Vince Maple, left, takes on Paul Godwin's former role

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ MPs fight airport plan

MP MARK Reckless teamed up with politicians from the other side of the estuary last week at a Westminster reception organised to stand united in their opposition against the hugely controversial proposals to build an airport off the north Kent coast.

He was joined by David Amess, MP for Southend West, in hosting the event to draw attention to the plans. Representatives from the RSPB also attended.

## ➔ Paralympic star's visit

PARALYMPIC runner Sophia Warner was one of the special guests at an Olympic-themed sports day for Skinner Street Primary School.

The event was hosted by MidKent College, which partners with the Gillingham primary. Held in Lower Lines Park, also attending was World Transplant Games competitor Lisa Innes.

Deputy head Nicola Willson said: “This was a great event that gave the children something they will treasure.”

## ➔ Market sweeps in

ROCHESTER Famers' Market pitches up at the Sweeps Festival this weekend with a range of local produce being served up on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Produce will include meat and baked goods, cider, preserves, olives and pies. The market takes place between 10am and 5pm in the Kings Head car park. It will join more than 50 morris sides taking part in the Sweeps' weekend.



**MODERN:** Minister Bob Neill with Cllrs Alan Jarrett and Rodney Chambers and Glen Shuttleworth of Arriva at the official opening of Chatham's new bus station

## DEVELOPMENT

## Minister visits regeneration sites

GOVERNMENT minister Bob Neill spent the day in Medway earlier this week as he cast his eye over the area as a regeneration hotspot.

It formed part of a tour of north Kent to see how investment is breathing new life into the Thames Gateway zone.

He first went to Chatham, where he was shown the new road scheme and officially opened the bus station, before going to Rochester Riverside to see the Hyde Housing development taking shape.

At Rochester Riverside, the minister also met with six apprentices who have been taken on to help with the construction of affordable homes.

Mr Neill, whose ministerial brief includes local government, said: “The Thames Gateway is well and truly open for business and offers untold potential for industry, employment and housing close to central London.

“I look forward to seeing the progress

that the area makes in the coming years.”

Rodney Chambers, leader of Medway Council, added: “He seemed suitably impressed with what has happened, and is continuing to happen here.

“He remarked that he knows Medway as he lives nearby and he was very interested in how his ministerial department – communities and local government – has helped regeneration in Medway.”

Mark Reckless, MP for Rochester and Strood, said of the Rochester Riverside visit: “Medway Council in partnership with Hyde Housing is working hard to deliver quality affordable and private sector housing on Rochester Riverside.

“This, coupled with the government-backed 95 per cent mortgage scheme aimed at helping aspiring individuals and families get onto the property ladder, will really help people get ahead here in Medway.”

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Bulgarian bonanza

IF your knowledge of all things Bulgarian leaves a little to be desired, then a trip to the Rochester Community Hub later this month could fill in the gaps.

The education day takes place on May 24 at 4pm with visitors able to view an exhibition of traditional items and costumes from the eastern European nation.

There will also be children's stories and song and dance from the Medway Bulgarian School.

## ➔ Give your dog an MOT

DOG owners can give their pets an MOT-style health check, try agility training and check out some free food samples during a series of special events taking place this month.

Running from May 14-18, 11am-3pm, it takes place at different venues each day - in Strood, Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham and Rochester. It is also open to those considering getting a dog.

For full details, call Medway Council on 01634 331791/2.

## ➔ Adult education taster

FREE taster sessions take place at Rainham School for Girls next weekend for the Medway Adults and Community Learning Service.

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## EDUCATION

# The 12-point plan designed to teach primary schools how to get back to top of the class

By Chris Murphy

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AMID mounting concerns over the health of many of our primary schools, council chiefs have drafted up a 12-point plan to boost results.

And they include compulsory training for school governors.

Medway primary schools are among the bottom five in the country for English and maths skills, and senior councillors want action to improve the worrying stats.

Just 68 per cent of Medway's 10 and 11-year-olds reached the expected standard in the key subjects. Now it is hoped the improvements will send the area soaring up the league tables.

Among the recommendations which have been agreed is more one-to-one sessions with students that need extra help.

Les Wicks is the portfolio holder for children's services on the coun-

cil. He said: "Our main concern is what is best for the kids of Medway and we need to improve their performance. We have spoken to governors and heads and a report was submitted with 12 recommendations, all of which were agreed at cabinet.

"This is a programme of improvement. We are not criticising governors. This is all about how performances can be improved by everyone, and that is governors, heads and management teams in schools. It is all about team work.

"Between us we need to do better for our youngsters. The students need to reach something called Level 4 in maths and English and not all of them are. Many reach it in one subject and not the other. We just need to bring everyone up, and governors have a role to play by influencing heads.

"There is a national problem, and we have it locally too, where boys



**IMPROVEMENT:** Team work is key to raising the standards in our schools

in particular at Key Stage 2 are not as good at English as we would like them to be."

He said the council is spending money on one-to-one tuition.

"We are targeting our efforts on individuals," he said. "We have 288 pupils who are to get this one-to-one tuition.

"We need stronger leadership in schools. There are 80-odd schools at primary level. They are legally

controlled by governors and they appoint heads. They need to sometimes challenge heads on performance and ask pertinent questions to lead to improvements.

"There is a lot of data on performance in schools and I think governors can make better use of that too. We are not saying governors are not doing well, but there is room for improvement. There is also room for heads to do more."

## COMMUNITY

## Libraries to add magazines selection to their offering

THE ever-changing face of Medway's libraries shows no sign of slowing down after it was confirmed glossy magazines would be the latest addition to their offering.

Once upon a time the domain for only the printed word, libraries have been forced to move with the times, with many now offering DVDs, high-definition Blu-ray discs, CDs and now some

of the nation's top-selling magazines.

Council chiefs this week confirmed the library service has invested in a number of subscriptions to popular titles which are available now for library customers to read at one of Medway's 16 libraries.

Among those titles being ordered in are movie title Empire, Top Gear, Autosport, Health &

Fitness, Marie Claire and Knit Today.

A council spokesman said: "The magazines will be circulated widely across the libraries so that as many customers as possible can benefit. Not all libraries will have the same titles and not all libraries will receive the latest edition."

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## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

# Mum's fury over cops on troubled estate

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POLICE have been accused of being too "heavy-handed" in the way they are tackling anti-social behaviour issues on a troubled new housing estate – just weeks after residents demanded steps be taken to crackdown on the rising number of problems.

And now officers have been hit with an official complaint about police conduct.

As we reported last month, the Liberty Park estate in Wainscott has been dogged by problems – leading to residents setting up a website and Twitter account to voice their concerns. They say some families on the estate are allowing their children to run riot and making the lives of many living there miserable.

Mother-of-11, Margaret Weaver, said her 14-year-old autistic son Harry is regularly stopped by police on the estate, and was once threatened with arrest after someone else was seen attacking a tree with a hammer. He was cleared when



**CONTROVERSY:** Last month we revealed how residents of Liberty Park are suffering at the hands of unruly young people

CCTV was checked – installed in a bid to ease tensions.

With six of her children who range in age from six to 18, still at home, Mrs Weaver admits there are some on the estate who are "no angels".

But she claims local police are being too heavy-handed in the way they deal with trouble at Liberty Park.

She said: "They man-handle

some of the teenagers and they then don't like it and might be a bit cheeky to them.

"There are some teens on the estate who cause some minor trouble, but they are in the minority. I lived in London and believe me, this is nothing."

Mrs Weaver, one of those living in social housing overseen by the West Kent Housing Association, said: "The police are

here four or five times a day."

Some residents are appealing to the authorities to impose a strict dispersal order on the estate, which means it would be illegal for groups of children to gather together.

Mrs Weaver said: "This would be overkill. There are some problems with some children, but this is not the way to deal with it."

Recently, another complaint was posted on an internet blog claiming some tenants "are destroying lives".

They ask: "How do we get a Dispersal Order so to stop youths from gathering and causing chaos" and blames the lack of entertainment for the youths.

They suggest: "How about they hide away in their houses like all of us who have paid for our houses have to do."

And they add: "These youths will mouth off to police when they are called and you don't feel any safer when the police are there. The kids don't fear anyone – and the parents must be the same. They are untouchable because they drain society."

Mrs Weaver said: "I know some of it is down to parenting too, and I would like the parents of the kids causing the trouble to take their responsibilities seriously too. I just wish we could find a solution."

"Having these claims made public like this tars us all with

the same brush – it is not all the families in social housing causing the trouble."

The police and West Kent Housing Association both say they are keeping a close eye on the situation at Liberty Park and taking appropriate action.

Mrs Weaver has made an official complaint about police conduct, which will now be investigated.

Medway District Commander Chief Inspector Mark Arnold said: "Police are responding to concerns raised by the community about young people persistently causing a nuisance."

"Our response is to provide highly visible and robust policing to reassure residents and to deter crime and anti-social behaviour. This includes our officers patrolling on foot and talking to people of all ages. This allows us to build up a rapport and has already generated a good deal of positive feedback from the community."

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## MILITARY

# Community covenant to support our brave Armed Forces heroes

By Chris Britcher

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A RICH heritage of hosting the Armed Forces will become more formally supported after council chiefs agreed to pledge its support to forces' personnel past and present.

Medway Council has agreed to arrange for organisations across the area to sign what is known as an Armed Forces Community Covenant.

The covenant recognises the nation has a moral obligation to members of the Armed Forces and their families, and establishes how they should expect to be treated.

Crucially, it is designed to ensure members of the Armed Forces' community are not put at a disadvantage due to their military background.

Leader of Medway Council,

Rodney Chambers, said: "We in Medway value and hold in extremely high esteem our Armed Forces.

"Medway has an important and historic connection with the military, we had a Royal Navy Dockyard in Chatham for more than 400 years, the Royal Engineers – who have the Freedom of the borough – have been here for two centuries, and until very recently there was, of course, HMS Chatham.

"We are committed to doing all we can to show we value the contribution of the Armed Forces past and present and all they do, and have done, to keep us safe. We think it is important to support them and their families when they return home to the community."

Backed by charitable, voluntary and business groups in Medway, the council will draw

up the covenant, which aims to reward and recognise the work of the forces.

This follows the government's publication of a Tri-Service Armed Forces Covenant, which sets out a new relationship between the Government, voluntary and charitable bodies, civil society, local government, and those serving in the Armed Forces and their families.

The Government has also produced, through the Ministry of Defence, a Community Covenant Scheme – around £30m will be given to community projects across the country over the next four years.

The scheme will consider applications from local groups for practical projects that deliver rapid results in support of the Armed Forces community, including activities for



young people and veterans.

Medway Council's director of regeneration, community and culture, Robin Cooper, has been liaising with The Royal Engineers to establish a steering group, which will be entitled to apply for funding from the Community Covenant Grant scheme.

**COMMITTED:** Covenant aims to ensure a military career does not prove a stumbling block

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Duo bailed in oil probe

TWO men have been bailed until May 14 after being arrested by police investigating a series of thefts of heating oil.

A 20-year-old from Chattenden and an 18-year-old from Chatham, were arrested in Rochester on suspicion of conspiracy to steal. It follows a police probe into a string of thefts in and around the Ashford area.

Both men are subject to a curfew between 8pm and 6am as part of their bail conditions.

## ➔ Artful way to foster

AN ARTIST will be highlighting the shortage of foster carers across the UK when a national roadshow rolls into Chatham later this month.

Staged at the Pentagon Centre, Action for Children will see artist Scott Walker produce a piece of art on a special canvas to represent the 8,750 shortfall in foster carers as part of Foster Care Fortnight. A spokesman said: "This will hopefully get people thinking about fostering as a career." It runs from 9am to 4pm on May 25.

## ➔ Power of the myth

MYTH and folktales are the subject of a talk by Chatham-based author, poet and storyteller Philip Kane later this month.

Staged at Chatham Library on May 24, at 7.30pm, A Road of Marvels will be a talk arguing the continuing importance of myth and folktale to our imagination and everyday lives.

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## News

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Star swaps Hogwarts for dockyard as part of Dickens' celebrations

By Chris Britcher

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SHE'S starred in a host of blockbuster movies, including the smash hit Harry Potter, and her TV credits extend to the likes of comedy classic Blackadder to voicing the sultry Cadbury's Caramel bunny advertising campaign.

And now Miriam Margolyes is coming to Chatham as part of the bi-centenary celebrations of legendary author Charles Dickens.

In a special performance of the Olivier Award-nominated production of Dickens' Women, the star will perform at the Dickens' World venue at Chatham Maritime on Saturday, July 7.

It forms part of a year-long world tour, which includes shows at the Sydney Opera House, Jaipur Literary Festival



**ON TOUR:** Miriam Margolyes is set to portray Dickens' Women

in India and New York's legendary Morgan Library.

Ms Margolyes will portray more than 20 of Dickens' best-loved characters.

She said: "I've been an ad-

miration of Dickens, a passionate admirer all my life – I want to share with you my relish in his humour, variety and vitality."

Ms Margolyes portrays Professor Sprout in two of the big screen adaptations of the Harry Potter films and memorably appears in three episodes of Blackadder.

Dickens' Women will perform for just one night at the Britannia Theatre in the popular tourist attraction.

Tickets cost £21-24 and the performance will be followed by a Q&A and book signing.

See [www.dickensworld.co.uk](http://www.dickensworld.co.uk) for further information.

Dickens' father worked at the dockyard when Charles was just a child and the family lived in the town. After finding fame and fortune, the author would return to Medway to live in Higham with his family, until his death.

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## News

### COMMUNITY

# Twin town celebrates 30 years of Japanese links

By Chris Murphy

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A STRING of special events are to take place this year to mark the 30th anniversary of Gillingham twinning with two cities in Japan.

Organisers say they are just putting the finishing touches to a number of high-profile events to celebrate three decades of links across the globe.

It is one of the longest such agreements in the UK and over the years has proved a big boost to Medway businesses and led to the direct creation of some 300 jobs as a result of Japanese firms setting up UK offices locally.

One of the organisers, Ashley Davis, said: "This twinning arrangement was founded through a Gillingham-born, Elizabethan seafarer by the name of William Adams, whose Japanese name was Miura Anjin.

"Adams had set off to find a new spice route to India which led him and his small fleet to sail under South America. Spices had become big business and Adams was interested in bringing them back for the kitchens of England. But his ships ran in to storms, throwing him off course and leading him to land on the shores of Japan.

"He and his crew were arrested as pirates and it was only when Adams offered to teach the Japanese European-style ship-building for his freedom that he became accepted and was offered lands by the local lords within the region.



**ANNIVERSARY:** Organisers will unveil calendar of events to mark 30 years in the coming weeks

"Ever the businessman with a keen eye for new opportunities, he also opened the first trading link between Britain and Japan."

And his links are still operational today with both sides continually looking for new opportunities, although spice may not be so important.

Mr Davis said: "The original twinning was created by Gillingham Council and agreements were made to work on cultural and educational projects as well as exploring the potential of economic development links.

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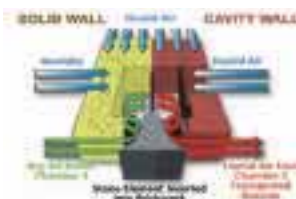
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An official opening ceremony takes place at 10.30am, with the Sittingbourne-based hospice - which provides care for life-limited children and their families - picking up a cheque for £500. The store opens from 6am to 11pm.

These three Japanese businesses have created 297 jobs in Medway."

The Gillingham authority was swallowed up with the creation of Medway Council, but the links with Japan were maintained and efforts were made to strengthen them.

Medway Council officers now work with the Japan Local Government Office in London, sharing information in the fields of understanding local government working methods and creating opportunities for economic development.

They also want to raise awareness of the Medway university campuses educational opportunities for overseas students.

A student exchange system was set up, and each year there are exchanges between four students from Medway and four students from Japan - two from Ito and two from Yokosuka.

Students from each city are selected by interview panel; they then have the opportunity to spend two weeks family homestay in each country. These student exchanges offer the potential of a life-changing experience and the opportunity to build life-long friendships and create international understanding of culture and way of life in each other's country.

And each September, a festival takes place at Gillingham Park to celebrate the life and times of William Adams. It includes demonstrations of martial arts, Taiko drumming, Manga art, crafts, and Japanese food alongside re-enactors depicting life in the times of Elizabethan England.

The programme for this year is still being finalised, but will include a collection of images and items to mark the life and time of William Adams at Eastgate House.

There will also be a William Adams Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Gillingham, where he was baptised.

Mr Davis said: "This is a big year, and we need to maximise all the business and social opportunities that arise."

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OPINION

# Give the unemployed a chance

Alan Jefferies says it's time for a change in thinking by both employers and job seekers when it comes to the benefits of offering unpaid work

MANY people seem to think job seekers are lazy scroungers, sponging off the government.

However the reality of trying to carve out a career in a tough job market is more difficult than many appreciate.

Our company has had a few problems where we have tried to help the unemployed.

The Coalition's commitment to getting people into work is admirable, but is this unpaid work scheme the right way to do it?

Clearly the unemployed don't seem to be responding.

Similar schemes have not worked in other countries, and there is evidence that coercing people into unpaid training or work masks rather than solves the unemployment crisis.

So why would we do it then? Because we think we should, and there is not much else being offered.

But are employers abusing the system? Clearly some are

offering no training and getting manpower on the cheap.

My company is now reviewing the money we are investing in this scheme.

This is because of the waste in interviewing potential staff/trainees who don't give the training any chance.

They come with a view that we are getting them on the cheap or the training has no value to them. Too many bail out before they understand what we are doing as a business and what we are offering.

Many want an instant well-paid job but don't have the skills to function at the most basic levels.

For example, street English may be acceptable in the pub, but not on the telephone to our customers.

Some younger trainees are too busy telling each other about their life histories, or trying to prove they don't need a job, whereas older trainees can

believe they have already learned about it all at the 'university of life'.

They fail to understand that what is being offered is a new start with a future.

No doubt most unemployed really do want to work but far too many think that being on the dole is their life, and what's the point of learning something new?

Maybe the way benefits are offered need to be amended; it shouldn't be a way of life but a system to help those in need. It should not just go through the motions to meet pointless targets, but actually help people to get life-changing work.

Far too often we have trainees who find their training with us is misinterpreted by an official body as real work and this benefit is halted or that benefit is not paid. We then lose the trainee while this is being sorted out.

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**Many want an instant well-paid job but don't have the skills**

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We know great people are out there who want jobs, but why is it proving to be so difficult to find them?

So, we operate unemployed training – but should we? Yes we should, everyone needs a chance.

■ Alan J. Jefferies is a senior partner at Kettles.com, based in Strood.

## KOS COMMENT

The public face of cuts to the policing budget

OVER the past couple of years we've all heard about deep cuts to public services, but up until now, those made to the police force – while hitting staff and officers hard – have gone relatively unnoticed to the public eye.

But as pointed out by the chairman of the Kent Police Federation, Ian Pointon, these latest cuts involving the potential closure of police stations and counters will show what we've all been worrying about.

While some police counters only see a few people a day, to take them away will remove a point of contact in a trauma.

Not everyone is as clued up on social networking and multi-media as others, especially the elderly. For some people, removing this face-to-face facility is the same as cutting a frontline service.

Give Hodgson a break

IT didn't take long after Roy Hodgson was even suggested as the new England manager for some of the press to turn on him. But Hodgson, who started his career in Kent, needs the fans to be behind him.

So give him a break, otherwise we'll have no-one to blame but ourselves if his team are humiliated at the Euros.

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## BBC at a loss without Kaddy

I HAD noticed we had been seeing less of Miss Kaddy Lee-Preston on our screens recently, and I no longer watch Inside Out now that it has another presenter.

But I was still astonished to read in your paper that she had left the BBC.

How sad, she was Scene South East's (or whatever it is now called) greatest asset.

**Elizabeth Lonkhurst, Folkestone**

## All aboard this PC gravy train

I'M ALL in favour of elected and accountable officials, and a police commissioner appears a good start.

However, what about costs; his/her salary of £80,000 is only a start. They'll need a staff of how many – obviously – and

a suite of offices, no doubt.

And so off we go on another gravy train.

Add in the costs of those people made redundant, (before they reapply for their new positions in the newly constituted organisation) and we're looking at £5 million a year. There will be redundancies won't there?

Not yet another layer of administration, surely?

**Edward Baker, Tunbridge Wells**

## We must save craftsmanship

KENT County Council leader Paul Carter's article (Opinion, April 29) talks about the deal between business and government, and the necessity to cut red tape where it is impeding progress.

Here is a suggestion...

For more than 45 years I have lived in and renovated a number of listed family houses in the county, in four local

authority areas. It is a passion of mine to bring rundown historic buildings back to life.

With sadness I have seen the decline in third/fourth generation builders prepared to train craftsman apprentices.

This seems to be due to unwillingness to put themselves at risk from the 'rights' of new employees, and from the increased oversight of planning authorities and building control.

Kent has more listed buildings than any other county in the UK.

Can Cllr Carter convene a meeting open to any associated with this important local grassroots industry to establish where there may be impediments to growth and the steps that may be taken to alleviate those impediments.

**David Northcroft, Ashford**

## Waste of cash – and energy

I READ with interest and anti-

cipation your article (April 22) regarding AmicusHorizon and Swale Heating attempting to reduce energy consumption at Rushden.

Whilst energy saving is important, unfortunately the economics of the scheme make no financial sense.

To spend an average of £38,000 per property to possibly save £500 per year is on a scale similar to Green Party windmills.

One has to accept that fuel bills will rise in future, but the scheme will never pay for itself by a huge margin.

Surely a better investment could have been made?

This expenditure follows typical public sector financial rigour, a major reason why the country is in such a mess.

**John Hardy, Mersham**

## Go before it's too late, David

I SEE the latest rumour going around is that Prime Minister

David Cameron is thinking of defecting to the Lib Dems.

I surely hope this is true, because he is nothing like the kind of Conservative that I voted for.

Cameron and his kind are destroying the Conservatives and unless he changes, or they change him, and keeps the promises he made at the last election there is no doubt we will be back to another dose of the other awful crowd.

**RE Tucker, Sheerness**

## Rev shows a lack of faith

I WAS disturbed to read in your edition of April 21 of a Kent clergyman (of all people) passing judgment on Anders Behring Breivik, the Norwegian man charged with the murder of 77 young people.

While my heart goes out to Rev Kirby's Norwegian family and, indeed, to the loved ones

of all those who died, and I would not for one moment condone what Mr Breivik did, I do not find it appropriate for an Englishman, far less a clergyman, to condemn him.

Since the murders last July, the Norwegian people have shown great restraint and maintained a sense of equilibrium in endeavouring to come to terms with what happened.

This is a reaction often witnessed in other continental European countries when facing an incomprehensible crime (such as in Belgium, with the crimes of Mark Dutroux).

Sadly, in Britain, even long before John Major's short-sighted pronouncement about understanding and condemnation, we have been all too eager to condemn people.



**TALE:** Our report on the story

It is true that Breivik has admitted to the murders, but vilification of him will not bring those young people back and it is for Norwegian society to decide how to deal with him.

I am saddened to think that Rev Kirby does not even hope for a change of heart and the ultimate redemption his church offers all sinners.

I am no church-goer, but I was brought up in the Anglican faith. Even today, when I hear or read of such lynch-mob pronouncements, I am reminded of so many edicts from the Bible ("Let him who is without sin cast the first stone"; "If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive").

I urge Rev Kirby to reconsider his position and to use his training to good end in supporting his wife's family's needs in this dark hour, rather than passing judgments that he is not qualified to make.

**Janet Berridge, Canterbury**

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## Taking care that mum's pension is used wisely

**Q** MY MOTHER lives in a residential care home, and because of her complex needs she is now fully funded. Is she entitled to retain her full state pension?

**A** ACCORDING to the charity Age UK, your mother's right to a state pension is not affected by the fact that she now lives in a care home.

However, as you might expect, if the local authority helps with her care home fees, then when the amount of assistance is calculated her pension is taken into account along with any other income she might have.

Savings and any other capital are also taken into account in deciding whether any help is due and if so, then how much.

So, although your mother's pension is not reduced, some of it might be expected to be paid towards the fees, which has the same result of reducing her net spendable income.

On the other hand, so-called 'fully funded' care is the expression used when someone's main reason for being in a care home is because of a health condition.

In these circumstances, the NHS is responsible for the care home fees, paid through the local primary care trust, and Age UK advises that if your mother is eligible for NHS continuing health-care, then this should have no effect on her state pension.

**Q** MY WIFE and I invest £20 a month into unit trusts for each of our two grandchildren, and we have been doing this for some years.

Our daughter and her husband are not aware of this. We planned to hand over the investment to each child at 18.

A friend has now warned that if we die before then, the units will count towards our estate and 40pc could be taken in inheritance tax. Is this true? If so, what can we do about it?

**A** IF YOUR daughter has no idea that the units exist, then I imagine you and your wife have been investing in your own names.

If so, your friend is right. There would be nothing to show that these units are not part of your own savings, and subject to inheritance tax along with everything else that you own.

Of course, a lot depends on the size of your estate, and there are exemptions.

For example, no tax is charged on bequests from one spouse to the other.

But after exemptions and allowances have been used up, anything you leave above £325,000 is indeed taxed at 40pc.

My advice is to contact the unit trust company. It probably has a scheme for setting units aside as a gift that would fall within your annual gifts exemption

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of £3,000. This would take the units out of your estate and beyond the reach of the taxman.

**Q** I BUY and sell pop memorabilia on eBay as a hobby. I started when I sold my collection of vinyl records, and now I deal in autographs, programmes, and similar souvenirs.

Mostly I plough the money back into buying anything that looks like a bargain.

Can you confirm that I do not need to declare this for tax, please?

**A** IT SEEMS to me that you have crossed the line from pursuing a hobby and have become a trader, which means you could be liable for income tax.

Broadly speaking, if you sell anything that you have owned for some time, and you did not buy it in the first place to make a profit, then the taxman is not interested.

This is exactly what you did with your old records.

But you buy items now if they are a bargain, which suggests you hope to sell them at a profit.

You also say that you 'deal' in memorabilia, and the tax inspector will take this to mean you are a trader.

The bad news is that HM Revenue & Customs is investigating dealers who appear regularly on sites such as eBay.

The good news is that you can escape the worst penalties if you contact the taxman voluntarily by June 14.

After this, HMRC will be tracking down traders and the usual penalties and interest will apply.

**Q** I HAVE received a demand for arrears of tax from 2007-08 and I need to check this.

How much would I have been allowed to earn before paying tax in that year?

**A** THE income tax personal allowance for that year was £5,225.

Tax then started at 10pc on the next £2,230 of your income, before rising to the basic 22pc rate.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

## First-time buyer basics make for a happy home

**ADAM AIKEN** offers a few pointers that will make the idea of buying your first home not such a daunting one...

BUYING your first home is likely to be one of the biggest steps you will ever take.

Perhaps it is not quite as life-changing as getting married or becoming a parent, but it's still up there as a major event.

As such, it can be quite daunting.

For many people, owning a home is something that only 'older people' do, and the realisation that it is time for the next generation to step on to the property ladder can be a real coming-of-age moment.

So it is important to take your time when you go through the process. It may be an exciting period of your life, but make sure you do not rush it.

**How much can you borrow?**

Before you start house-hunting, find out how much you can afford to borrow.

"It is important to think about your current monthly outgoings – knowing you can meet your payments every month makes having a mortgage far less stressful," said Chris Smith, of Yorkshire Building Society.

Jayne Walters, a spokesman for the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "If you are looking to buy your first home, you need to have saved a good-sized deposit to get a mortgage.

"Although products with small deposits are available, as are schemes to help first-time buyers and other borrowers buy properties, the best rates will be found with larger deposits.

"All lenders have different criteria, so shopping around or using a broker can help you work out the most suitable mortgage."

A mortgage lender will look at your budget to gauge what you can afford to borrow. In order to ensure you don't find yourself committed to repayments you cannot meet, you may be taken through an affordability check that will look at your salary and monthly outgoings.

It is important to tell the truth at this stage. An affordability test is to help you as much as the lender, because if you end up unable to afford your mortgage repayments, you will risk seeing your home repossessed.

Sometimes a lender will give an 'agreement in principle' – an indication of what you could borrow. This will help guide you towards properties in the appropriate price bracket and reduce the risk of being disappointed further down the line.

**Check out the neighbourhood**

As well as the financial side of things, do some research into where you would like to live.

### SHOPPING AROUND FOR BEST DEALS

THE days of 100 per cent mortgages have long gone, and millions of people have found it harder to get on the housing ladder in recent years – even as mortgage rates have hit historic lows.

Borrowers who want to secure the best rates now need to have sizeable deposits to put down.

The best rates are reserved for people who can put down deposits of 25pc or more. This gives them access to 75pc loan-to-value deals – in other words, mortgages that advance no more than 75pc of a property's value.

Of course, this is far from realistic for many people, but it is nevertheless worth saving as much as you can.

"It's an uphill battle, but there are some good rates out there," said Mr Ossei, at Uswitch.

"Some providers, such as Nationwide with its Save to Buy accounts, even bundle together a savings account with a competitive interest rate and a mortgage for first-time buyers.

"What's vital is that first-time buyers make their money work as hard as possible by shopping around for the best savings rate available."

Lending to first-time buyers seems to be on the increase, partly thanks to initiatives such as a stamp-duty holiday and the Government-backed NewBuy scheme.

The most recent statistics from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, which relate to market activity in February, show that more than 14,000 loans worth a total of £1.7



billion were taken out by first-time buyers during the month.

That represented a monthly rise of eight per cent in the number of new mortgages and a six per cent rise in overall value.

More significantly, the figures were up by 18 and 21 per cent on an annual basis.

Mike Cook, head of mortgages at the Post Office, said: "First-time buyers are the life blood of the property market and challenging stories about first-time buyers and wider economic issues have not dampened aspirations to get on the housing ladder.

"It is also interesting to see that despite the resurgence of 10 per cent deposit mortgages recently the average first-time buyer is aiming for the cheaper rates available with 15 or 20 per cent deposits, even if it takes that bit longer to save."

"If you're moving to an area you don't already know very well, take the time to visit and research the surroundings thoroughly," said Mr Smith, at the Yorkshire.

When you have found an area or a property that you like, make a few return visits at different times of the day and week. You may discover that the nice quiet pub at the end of the road becomes a rowdy nightspot on Saturday, for example.

Research by HSBC has found that many first-time buyers are ignoring some of the practicalities of owning homes.

Although things such as a proper-

ty's location and local amenities were often taken into account, the bank found that issues including plans for further development in the area, the condition of nearby properties, and signs of subsidence were often overlooked.

These are all things that can affect the future value of your new home, and Peter Dockar, head of mortgages at HSBC, warned against naivety.

"It is important that first-time buyers consider more than just their immediate desires when looking for their first homes, otherwise they could well be in for a financial headache further down the line," he said.



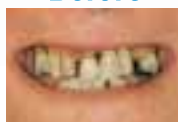
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# 'Spend this money to help rescue our struggling towns'

**EXCLUSIVE by Nick Ames**

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A TOTAL of £300,000 is available to help rejuvenate Folkestone and Hythe town centres – but the money is going to waste, according to campaigners in the area.

Members of the local Labour Party are calling on Shepway District Council and Hythe Town Council to act quickly and use the cash to help businesses facing closure.

A recent study of Hythe town centre by Business Week revealed that many traders feared they would no longer be in business by the end of the year.

Currently £100,000 of Government cash from the High Street Innovation Fund is available for Shepway as a whole, and a further £200,000 is available under a Section 106 planning agreement relating to the new Sainsbury's store in Hythe – a development that many say has made life even tougher for high-street retailers. This money has been earmarked for town-centre improvements.

Matthew Hillyer, of Hythe Labour Party, is calling for action after talking to traders.

He said: "From my understanding, the £100,000 has arrived with a set of guidelines but without any specific contractual terms and conditions, or as yet any committee to process

and evaluate applications. Is this fund just for empty shops, or can struggling existing shop-owners apply? What are the targets and how will it be distributed? Will a specific amount be used to provide new jobs?

"A sum of £200,000 was made available for town-centre improvements by Sainsbury's in 2009, yet as of today there is only one accepted application for some of this money – £5,000 for a new town board.

"Why have the businesses and shoppers not been consulted on how this money should be invested? Why has it remained largely untouched for close to three years?

"I am astounded that a staggering 94 per cent of traders we surveyed said they had never been consulted on how it should be spent, while others told us they did not know the money even existed."

Shepway District Council said this week that it was looking at ways to spend the £100,000 effectively, pledging it would be used to help revitalise shopping facilities.

"We know that empty shops can spoil the attractiveness of a town and any help we can get to tackle this is very welcome," said Alan Clifton-Holt, cabinet member for the economy.

He said it was essential the money was put to the best possible use and the council's first step would be to draw up a plan to target spending.

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Business Week has highlighted the plight of many retailers in Hythe high street... Shepway District and Hythe Town councils are now being urged to use £300,000 available for improvement

He said: "This could include supporting business rate discounts for new start-up businesses that take on empty properties, or working with landlords to encourage them to also contribute to a business rate discount for new occupiers.

"How we use the money needs careful planning. We will be drawing together people from across the council as well as partners to ensure that it's put to the best possible use."

The High Street Innovation Fund is one of a packet of measures announced by MP Grant Shapps in response to the High Street Review from Government retail guru Mary Portas.

Shepway council is one of 100 authorities across the country to receive funding. It agreed that Section 106 money was part of the Sainsbury's planning agreement in Hythe but said that as a legal agreement it was highly specific.

Shepway council's share of the money (£170,000) must be spent on "improvements to the public realm", while £30,000 allocated to Hythe Town Council is earmarked for activities and promotion.

A council spokeswoman said that several applications had already been processed.

**RETAIL**

## Fashion-conscious shoppers boost designer outlet's sales and footfall

McARTHURGLEN'S Ashford Designer Outlet has reported year-on-year increases in sales of 16.3 per cent and footfall of 21.8 per cent for the Easter weekend.

Sales rose by 75.5 per cent compared with the same four-day period last year as shoppers sought power pastels, florals and vintage paisley prints with savings of up to 60 per cent from designer brands such as Jaeger, Ted Baker, Kurt Geiger and Superdry.

Accessories sales also proved particularly strong, showing an 88 per cent increase compared with the first quarter last year.

David Madison, centre manager at McArthurGlen Ashford, said: "With a leading offer of more than 80 designer and high-street brands, we are in a strong

position to capitalise on the growing number of shoppers seeking the best fashion for less.

"Consumers today are looking to invest their money in top-quality products, and the breadth of our fashion offering from Ted Baker and Calvin Klein, to Fat Face and Superdry, provides them with premium fashion for up to 60 per cent less."

Jaye Thompson, fashion expert, said: "In this challenging economic moment, it's not that people have stopped buying fashion, it's just that they're asking more from the fashion they're buying.

"This is all part of the trend for 'investment dressing' – choosing and wearing fashion pieces that offer longevity and value for money."



EASTER CRACKER: McArthurGlen in Ashford saw sales rise

**TRANSPORT**

## Ferry company doubles service

DFDS Seaways and LD Lines have launched a second vessel to sail on its Dover-Calais route.

The new vessel, named as the Deal Seaways, will bring the total number of daily sailings out of Dover to Calais to 10.

The second vessel has been chartered from Brittany Ferries and was known as the Barfleur before being renamed ahead of the launch.

Chris Newey, passenger director for the English Channel at DFDS Seaways, said: "We have been really pleased with the uptake of the new route between Dover-Calais and are delighted to be able to respond to demand with the launch of the second vessel, therefore doubling the number of crossings.

"We're confident our customers will benefit from the flexibility of sailing times, as well as still having the option to travel to Dunkirk."

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### TRANSPORT

## Continental train link sees rise in popularity

EUROSTAR, the high-speed rail service between the UK and mainland Europe, has reported a positive start to the year, with continued growth in sales revenues and passenger numbers.

In the first quarter, sales revenues rose by 7 per cent from £197 million to £211 million.

Passenger numbers also saw an increase to 2.24m in Q1 from 2.15m in the same period last year.

The growth over the last three months has been driven by an increase in leisure travel, with business travel in the first quarter of the year remaining broadly flat compared with 2011.

Nicolas Petrovic, chief executive of Eurostar, said: "The year got off to a strong start, with sales revenues and passenger numbers on the up."

"Our core destinations continue to be a big draw for passengers, but we have also seen particularly good take-up of our Amsterdam fares as passengers are increasingly keen to try out new leisure destinations by high-speed rail."

Looking ahead, London is gearing up for one of its busiest summers as travellers flock to London to enjoy a range of attractions.

The combination of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and the London 2012 Games and Festival will ensure the capital has much to offer sports and arts enthusiasts alike.

As a sponsor of the London 2012 Games, Eurostar says that it will be playing a key role in bringing spectators to London and in helping to make the Games a truly international celebration.

Petrovic said: "We are gearing up for an exciting summer as the nation counts down to the London 2012 celebrations."

"Bookings for the June bank-holiday weekend are looking strong, with thousands of visitors coming to London to enjoy the pageantry of the Queen's Jubilee."

"There is no doubt that London is set to have one of its most memorable years on record and we are certainly looking forward to welcoming visitors from around the world to share in the experience."

# International defence contractor welcomes MP for premises tour

By Nick Ames

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MP Damian Green paid a visit to one of the county's leading defence-contractor companies, which exports its goods across the world.

Peli Hardigg, which is based in Ashford, make cases for hardware including bombs, guns, aircraft components and satellite dishes for the military.

Customers include the British Army, the US Marines, the French army and the Saudi Arabian air force.

The company, which has an annual turnover of more than £300 million, is American-owned and moved much of its European manufacturing to Ashford 18 months ago.

"The workforce is more flexible and transport links are excellent," said managing director Mark Heydon.

Among the contracts for Peli Hardigg are containers for canopies and other components for Saudi Arabia as part of a deal that saw the Gulf state buy the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft, weapons cases for the British Army's SA 80 assault rifle, protective carriers for the Paveway Four guided bomb and containers for satellite uplinks for the US Marines.

Foam packaging to protect

the equipment is also made at the Ashford plant.

"You can push one of our cases out of the back of an aircraft attached to a parachute and it'll arrive on the ground undamaged and ready for use," said sales manager Maurice Morsia.

"For troops on the ground, that is obviously vital. We can truthfully say that for our business mission failure is not an option."

Some 70 per cent of the company's overall product is exported, with France, Germany and Sweden the major markets.

As well as components for the military, the cases and containers are also bought by the emergency services.

A range of waterproof notebooks – issued to soldiers in the field – is also one of Peli Hardigg's products, as are cases for 24-carat-gold-plated spanners, used by armourers because they eliminate potentially dangerous static electricity.

Green said: "It is great to see companies such as Peli Hardigg in Ashford – not just competing successfully domestically but on a world stage."

**ON TOUR:** Peli Hardigg managing director Mark Heydon, left, shows MP Damian Green some of the equipment

Picture: PAUL JERREAT



### INTERNET

Workshops help small firms to get on the web

ADVICE on setting up a business presence on the web was given by experts from Google who visited the county setting up workshops.

Folkestone and Thanet were the venues for small companies to learn how best to establish a profile online.

Demand was such for places at Folkestone that a third day was added to the original two.

Luke Smith, of Google, organised the sessions.

"Around 50 per cent of businesses are not online at all, so we are helping to get those who want to establish a web presence."

Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins brought the experts to his constituency.

"I met Google in London and thought a visit to Folkestone would really benefit local companies."

"The first two days were immediately booked up, so we added a third, which shows the level of enthusiasm in the town."

"In all, 70 appointments were made and there were other interested people who dropped in on the day."

## Community should take credit for energy award, says winner

VATTENFALL has received industry recognition, with Thanet Offshore Wind Farm winning a top energy prize.

The 100-turbine scheme won the Offshore Renewables Award at the Offshore Achievement Awards – the first time a renewable energy award has been given by the organiser, the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE).

Company spokesman Ole Bigum Nielsen said: "Vattenfall is honoured to have received this prestigious award on behalf of everyone who helped build the wind farm."

"We think that the people of Thanet should take much of the credit for this award as Vattenfall could not have done it without the support and efforts of local people, communities and businesses."

"We also think it reflects well on the hard work and engineering excellence of the British workforce that helped build the wind farm in a little over two years."

The 300MW Thanet Offshore Wind Farm was until recently the largest operating offshore wind farm in the world. It started generating power in June 2010 and is controlled from its operations and maintenance base in Ramsgate.

More than 1,000 British workers helped build the wind farm over a two-year period and the wind farm now employs 20 locally-based technicians.

It has been designed to generate clean, green power for the next 20 to 25 years, producing the equivalent annual electricity demand of 200,000 UK households.

The Offshore Achievement Awards have a 25-year history of celebrating outstanding success in the UK oil and gas industry. The Offshore Renewables Award recognises technical excellence in an offshore marine renewables project. It also recognises outstanding design, significant innovation, unusual complexity or unusual scale.

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## Training, courses and careers

### You could be a gym instructor

ANYONE whose dream is to be a gym instructor could qualify for a change in career in just four weeks.

That's thanks to a new training course being run through Medway Adult and Community Learning Service.

The course – Level 2 in Fitness Instructing – runs from Monday, August 6, to Friday, August 24, from 9.30am-4.30pm at Medway Park.

Officials say the course is run by experienced and supportive tutors, and that learners who gain the qualification will be able to work as gym instructors once they have completed the course.

The training course is an internationally recognised certification through Active IQ.

A taster day for anyone who is interested in fitness and personal training careers is being held at Rainham Girls School in Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, at 10am on Saturday, May 12.

For more details about the event or to book a consultation, you can telephone Dan Mace on 01634 338412 or email him at dan.mace@medway.gov.uk

To enrol on the four-week training course phone 01634 338412 or visit [www.medway.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.medway.gov.uk/adultlearning).

### Open days to help you pick a course

BROMLEY College is holding two open events offering opportunities to have a look around the college, see the facilities, and find out more about the range of courses on offer.

The event at the Orpington campus is on Wednesday, May 9, 5.30-7.30pm, and the Bromley Campus open event is on Thursday, May 17, from 5.30-7.30pm.

A spokesman said: "With a range of vocational, apprenticeship, A-level, higher education and professional courses they're sure to have something for you whether you've just left school, or you're changing careers.

"The college can help you find the right qualification if you're looking for promotion, and help you choose a course that will fit into your life if you're coming back to study."

The open events offer the chance to have a tour of the campus; meet tutors and students; find out more about the range of courses; and get careers advice from the college's guidance team.

There are different courses at each campus, and you can call 020 8295 7000 or visit [www.bromley.ac.uk](http://www.bromley.ac.uk) for more information about the study location of the course you're interested in.

# New courses for gold standard electricians

A BRAND new gold standard electrical installation apprenticeship is due to start for trainees in September.

It is being run by Thanet College, in partnership with training provider JTL and Kent County Council.

This is the first time apprenticeships like this have been offered in Thanet, with apprentices getting the chance to train in the college's new electrical workshop, while gaining skills for the future and working in a real job.

Organisers say the new programme is highly effective for employers as, for the first time, they can take on electrical apprentices that are trained locally. The college

is also launching an electric pre-apprenticeship course, which aims to give young people a head start in the job market, and it's free for anyone aged 16-18 years old.

Mark Syrett, JTL's regional manager for the South East, said: "All the staff at Thanet College, and my team and I, are looking forward to working with new employers to get the September intake started into the industry. There's a lot going on in Kent at the moment, making this a really exciting time for us."

Thanet College head of technology Stewart Haywood added: "We're really excited to be able to offer these new courses, and hope to be able to help a lot of young people make their first steps towards promising careers in electrical and building services engineering."

College principal Graham Razey said: "This important new initiative will mean that, for the first time, employers will be able to take on locally trained electrical apprentices with the right skills to contribute to the local economy.

"As a college we are committed to putting practical skills on a level playing field with academic prowess and our new gold standard electrical installation apprenticeship is an important step forward in this direction.

"Thanet College has made substantial investment in facilities and these students will be among the first to benefit."

The partnership aims to help young people to get back on their feet, and make a difference to the building services engineering sector. Latest figures show in Thanet alone, there are 1,585

18-24 year olds claiming Job Seekers allowance, with 14.8 per cent of all under 25s in Thanet currently looking for work.

Wayne Gough, the employment programme manager for Kent County Council praised the new programme.

He said: "Apprenticeships are an excellent way for young people to enter the world of work, whilst at the same time developing the skills that employers are looking for.

"Kent County Council are keen to help local businesses to recruit young people, and have recently launched a £2 million grant fund aimed at reducing costs for employers offering apprenticeships."



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## Schools & education

### Hadlow's green rural hub building scoops sustainable design award

HADLOW College's Rural Regeneration Centre has won its third award, after scooping the Sustainable Design Project of the Year 2012 in the Green IT Awards.

The building, which acts as a 'rural hub' for conferences and seminars, serves as a visitor centre.

The building is constructed to sustainable PassivHaus standards using renewable technology and has low carbon emissions. It uses just 10 per

cent of the typical energy consumption of a modern building and is the first of its kind to be constructed in the UK using prefabricated materials.

The RRC is a sympathetic conversion and extension to redundant cow sheds, with over 95 per cent of the original shed structure being retained on site.

It is situated on the college's operational dairy farm.

Designer of the RRC, James Anwyl, director of Eurobuild

said: "It's great to be recognised for the design work we did for Hadlow College.

"The only way to build a PassivHaus building for less than the standard cost was to rehearse the entire construction 'virtually' – on the computer using building information modelling (BIM).

"We achieved this and built at an affordable level by using BIM. Without ArchiCAD (BIM) this may not have been possible."

### Tourism trip to the Gambia a life-changing experience for students

KIND-hearted Canterbury College students have returned from a trip to the Gambia that proved to be a life-changing experience – for themselves and the locals they went out to help.

The 24 BTEC extended diploma travel and tourism second year students handed over books and stationery to needy Gambian children during a week-long visit to the West African country.

This is the third year that students on this course have had the opportunity to visit the Gambia to learn about eco and sustainable tourism.

They met local tribes at a self-sufficient eco-village, Tumani Tenda, and visited Ibnu Taimiah Primary School, an orphanage and a nursery. The school, orphanage and nursery received stationery donations from the students.

They also went to the International Business College in Banjul where they discussed travel and tourism with students there.

Canterbury College travel and tourism tutor Graham Dwyer said: "Our students were very moved by the state of the school, nursery and orphanage, which are unbelievably poor and rely on money that is generated by the country's



**TRAVEL:** Canterbury tourism student Jagriti Keshav, 18, at the Tumani Tenda nursery

tourist trade. Ibnu Taimiah School is just a wooden hut divided into two sections. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when the Gambian pupils sang If You're Happy and You Know It, to us in English. It was an eye opener for everyone on the trip."

Travel and tourism's trip to the Gambia was a requirement for all students on the second year of the extended diploma. To find out more about travel and tourism courses go to [www.canterbury-college.ac.uk/travelandtourism](http://www.canterbury-college.ac.uk/travelandtourism).

### County construction firm signs up for college redevelopment scheme

KENT construction firm Denne has won a £13 million contract as part of the £25m redevelopment of MidKent College's Maidstone campus.

The landmark project – due for completion in December, 2013 – will bring the site up to the standard of the new Medway Campus in Gillingham.

The wider scheme will also include the refurbishment of the University for the Creative Arts' Maidstone campus, which was purchased by the college

last year and is also part of the Oakwood Park complex.

Director of finance Ian Rule said: "Denne has a fantastic record of delivering quality results and we were impressed by their drive and passion for this exciting project.

"They really understand the college's vision and values, and will be a valuable partner for us.

"Using the financial strength that comes from being one of the largest colleges in the South East, we can provide the scale

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"We're delighted to have reached this important milestone in the redevelopment process and look forward to witnessing the many impressive changes to come."

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Berry	3,461.59			206.78	3,668.37
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Peacock	3,461.59			242.78	3,704.37
Peall	3,867.00	7,754.49		374.18	11,995.67
Prater	374.23				374.23
Simmons	3,461.59			752.09	4,213.68
Stephenson	3,867.00			461.65	4,328.65
Tillson	3,867.00	8,593.96		561.38	13,022.34
Wallace	3,867.00			231.00	4,098.00
Waters	374.23	852.29		265.55	1,492.07
West	3,461.59	188.16		206.78	3,856.53
Williams	374.23				374.23
Wilkins	3,461.59			206.78	3,668.37
Wimble	3,461.59			206.78	3,668.37
Independents					
Valerie Cooney			648.96		648.96
Raymond Morgan			648.96		648.96
Frank Hobbs			648.96		648.96
Roger Joyne			648.96		648.96
Geoffrey Tyler			648.96		648.96
David Carter			1,388.04		1,388.04
	177,195.97	127,693.59	4,632.84	20,239.10	329,761.50

Notes:

Basic Allowance recognises the time devoted by all councillors to their work, including meetings of the Council, Cabinet, committees and sub-committees, representation of the Council on outside bodies, meetings with constituents and all incidental costs;

Special Responsibility Allowances recognise the time devoted by those councillors who have significant extra responsibilities (eg leadership of the Council and of political groups, membership of the Cabinet and chairmanship of committees), but also reflect an element of voluntary public service;

Co-optees' allowance recognise the time devoted by those co-opted members who serve on the Standards Committee of the Council but who are not elected members of the Council; the allowance also reflect an element of voluntary public service;

All payments made are gross amounts which are subject to deduction of tax where appropriate.

J A Stewart  
Chief Executive  
The Civic Centre  
Castle Hill Avenue  
Folkestone  
Kent CT20 2QY

Date: 6th May 2012



SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

The Local Authorities' (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 place certain duties on local authorities in connection with publicising the recommendations made by their Independent Remuneration Panel. (IRP).

- The report of the IRP proposes a model for allowances that is transparent, sustainable, easy to understand and easy to operate. The model proposed would link all allowances to the basic councillors allowance (paid to all councillors) by a 'points' system.
- The recommended 'point' scores for different roles are based on the panel's consideration of the appropriate and justifiable relativities between those roles as they operate at Shepway District Council. The consolidated basic allowance referred to below has a point score of 100. The relative 'scores' may not be the same as in other Councils, but the panel is a Shepway panel looking at what is relevant and appropriate within Shepway.
- Based on this approach, the report proposes point scores for each of the special responsibility allowances, which will, if adopted, establish the relativities both between the different special responsibility allowances and between those allowances and the basic allowance.

The recommendations of the panel relate to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2012/13. They are as follows:

- That the option for councillors to join the Local Government Pension Scheme not be introduced
- That Shepway District Council introduce a dependants' carers' allowance at the level of the national minimum wage
- That no changes be made to the current scheme for reimbursing travel and subsistence expenses
- That the scheme for travelling and subsistence related to official duties be adopted by the council
- That the voluntary discount be maintained at 50%
- That the current ICT allowance be consolidated into the basic allowance
- That the revised consolidated basic allowance be set at £4,500
- That the councillors basic allowances be adjusted annually at the start of the civic year by the Consumer Price Index figure for the proceeding February (published in March)
- That the application of indexation to the councillors basic allowance be subject to an annual vote of full Council
- That special responsibility allowances be determined by reference to the basic allowance and amended in line with amendments to that basic allowance
- That the committees be classified into tiers and that special responsibility allowances be paid to the chairs of tier one and tier two committees only
- That the special responsibility allowance for the chair of a tier one committee be set at 100 points which equates to an allowance of £4,500
- That the That special responsibility allowance for the chair of a tier two committee be set at 30 points and frozen at its current level until the effects of indexation brings the proposed allowance to the level of the current allowance which equates to an allowance of £1,350
- The payment of special responsibility allowances to vice-chairs of committees is discontinued
- The special responsibility allowance for the role of cabinet members is set at the level of 200 points which equates to an allowance of £9,000
- The special responsibility allowance for the role of Deputy Leader of the Council is set at the level of 220 points which equates to an allowance of £9,900
- The special responsibility allowance for Leader of the Council is set at 440 points which equates to an allowance of £19,800
- That the special responsibility allowance for Leader of the Council is frozen at its current level until such time as the proposed level matches the current level under indexation arrangements
- That up to a maximum of nine special responsibility allowances are paid to Lead Members set at a level of 30 points which equates to an allowance of £1,350
- That the current group allowances be abolished
- That a single special responsibility allowance for the role of 'Leader of the Opposition' (being defined as the leader of the largest minority group not forming part of the administration) be introduced at the level of 150 points which equates to an allowance of £6,750
- The special responsibility allowance for the role of Chair of the Council is set at 150 points which equates to an allowance of £6,750
- The special responsibility allowance for the role of Vice-Chair of the Council is set at 30 points which equates to an allowance of £1,350
- The SRA for Co-opted Members covered by the scheme of remuneration for Councillors be set at 15 points which equates to an allowance of £675

The Council is due to meet at its Annual Meeting scheduled for 9 May 2012 to consider the recommendations of the panel and to decide whether to adopt the new scheme.

More information is available on the Shepway District Council website at <http://www.shepway.gov.uk/content/view/201277/81/> or for public inspection during normal working hours, between 9.00am and 5.00pm at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY; telephone 01303 853241 or email [committee@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:committee@shepway.gov.uk)  
Dated this 6th day of May 2012



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

- The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
- The application is for a Major Development.
- The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
- This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 14 MAY 2012

SW/12/0320:  
Relocation of access - Copton Thatch, 15/16 Ashford Road, SHELDWICH; REASON 3

SW/12/0363:  
Variation of condition iv of SW/78/0376, condition ii of SW/82/0758 and iv of SW/84/0577 to allow the land to be used for B1, B2 or B8 use - Oak Tree Farm, Bottles Lane, RODMERSHAM; REASON 3

SW/12/0433:  
Replacement shop front - 20 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 1

SW/12/0455:  
Listed Building Consent for new sash window in existing opening - 52 Tanners Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0477:  
Single storey side extension and internal alterations - The Rose Inn, 80 High Street, QUEENBOROUGH; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0480 & SW/12/0481:  
To install two new external access staircases & two internal staircases to existing workshop buildings, minor flood joint alterations necessary for internal staircases, former openings reused for external staircases - Buildings 1 & 2, Standard Quay, Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1, 2 & 4

SW/12/0483:  
Listed Building Consent for alterations to one rooflight and removal of 2 rooflights - 75 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0484:  
Listed Building Consent for replacement of seven internal doors (retrospective) - 75 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0485:  
Listed Building Consent for removal of casement windows and their replacement with leaded windows with Oak frames on rear elevation of property (retrospective) - 75 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0486:  
Listed Building Consent for the addition of a new soil vent stack positioned in the shared alleyway between no. 75 & no. 76 West Street to the side and back of the property (retrospective) - 75 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0487:  
Listed Building Consent for loft conversion. Conversion of loft area into habitable living space incorporating ensuite shower room and one bedroom/study (retrospective) - 75 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0489 & SW/12/0490:  
Erection of four - storey building comprising 11 flats on first, second and third floors with roof garden - ground floor to provide car parking and space for alternative non-residential uses, potentially comprising storage of small craft and changing facilities or marine associated community use or museum or office, along with creekside walkway/viewing area and resurfacing of flood lane and application for conservation area consent for demolition of unlisted fuel tanks, boundary walls and fences - Ordnance Wharf, Flood Lane, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1, 3, 4 & 6

SW/12/0496:  
Change of use from store (domestic) to ancillary accommodation - Rectory Cottage, Kingsdown Road, MILSTEAD; REASON 4

SW/12/0498 & SW/12/0499:  
Demolition of existing kitchen wall - 3 Ospringe Place, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0512:  
Erection of 2 detached chalet bungalows with associated parking - Land adj Marley, High Street Road, HERNHILL; REASON 4

SW/12/0515:  
Replacement UPVC vertical sliding sash windows to front of house plus new composite front door - 8 Vicarage Street, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0526 & SW/12/0527:  
Re-application for restoration & conversion of Coach House into 2 bedroom dwelling - demolition of single storey partly ruined rear extension & part of garden wall - St Anns Cross Coach House, 87 South Road, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning

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## PLANNING

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995Notice of making a Direction under article 4(2) of the Town and Country Planning  
(General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

Notice is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has made a Direction under article 4(2) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 10am to 4pm on Saturday.

The Direction was made by the Authority on 1st May 2012 and comes into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on the date on which the Notice is first published. However, the Direction will expire on 31st October 2012 unless it is confirmed by the Authority before that date, having taken into account of any representations received within 28 days of 5th May 2012.

## First Schedule

## The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

## Schedule 2 Part 1 -

## Class F

The provision within the curtilage of a dwelling house of a hard surface for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such, where the hard surface would front a relevant location.

## Schedule 2 Part 2 -

## Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure, where the gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure would front a relevant location.

## Second Schedule

Properties within the area of the St James North Special identity Area, Royal Tunbridge Wells Conservation Area to which the Direction relates:

St James Church and 1 to 67 (odd numbers) St James Road  
2 to 68 (even numbers) St James Road  
52A St James Park  
60 to 70 (even numbers) Albion Road  
19A and 21 Granville Road  
1 to 65 (odd numbers) Beulah Road  
2 to 60 (even numbers) Beulah Road  
1 to 9 Georgia Place and Church Road Ferndale

Paul Cummins  
Legal Services Manager  
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Kent TN1 1RS

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0337/SH** - 64 High Street New Romney Kent TN28 8AT - Retention of single storey detached store room building to rear of premises.

**Y12/0294/SH#** - Prince Of Wales Fairfield Road New Romney Kent TN28 8HW - Change of use from public house (Class A4) to residential dwelling (Class C3).

**Y12/0381/SH#** - Moat House Ashford Road Ivychurch Romney Marsh Kent - Extension to time limit of planning permission Y09/0176/SH for the erection of a single storey extension to the existing garage.

**Y12/0382/SH#** - Moat House Ashford Road Ivychurch Romney Marsh Kent - Extension to time limit of listed building consent Y09/0320/SH for the erection of a single storey extension to the existing garage.

**Y12/0379/SH+** - Pavement outside 90 North Road Hythe Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).

**Y12/0305/SH** - 94 Sandgate High Street Sandgate Folkestone Kent CT20 3BY - Installation of a replacement shop front.

**Y12/0197/SH+** - 47 North Road Hythe Kent CT21 5DX - Installation of dormer windows and cladding to gable ends, together with formation of a 'Juliet' balcony.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe  
Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

**MA/12/0244/S** - 2, WEST PIKEFISH FARM COTTAGES, PIKE FISH LANE, LADDINGFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BH - Listed Building Consent for removal of existing concrete door step at front of property and application of lime render over exposed, shot blasted, brickwork of lower elevation at front of property. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0506/S** - 2, ELVEYS COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HY - Front extension to attached garage and conversion to habitable room (resubmission of MA/11/1788). **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0529/N** - VALLEY PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL, HUNTSMAN LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5DT - Erection of new two-storey classroom block for Invicta Grammar School and new three-storey classroom block for Valley Park School. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0559/S** - LITTLE CHEGWORTH, CHEGWORTH ROAD, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DG - Change of use of barn to holiday let with associated alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0586/S** - THE ELMS, REDWALL LANE, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0RL - Partly retrospective application for the erection of a tractor/implement storage building and construction of an access track. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0590/N** - LAND AT DEPOT SITE, GEORGE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NX - Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of a residential development comprising of 33 dwellings and associated parking. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0591/S** - EAST FARLEIGH HOUSE, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JW - Construction of a new vehicular access and parking area and erection of new brick wall and gate piers. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0593/S** - EAST FARLEIGH HOUSE, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JW - Conservation Area Consent for demolition of a fence. **Reason: 4**

**MA/12/0602/S** - LITTLE VENICE COUNTRY PARK, HAMPESTEAD LANE, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, ME18 6HH - Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission MA/07/2296 (Change of use of land and engineering works to create a 200 berth marina with associated service pontoon, footbridge, means of access and car parking) to allow a further three years in which to implement the development. **Reason: 2, 6, 8**

## Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 8 - Application is the subject of an Environmental Assessment.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **20th May 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 6th May 2012



## Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**12/01094/HOUSE** **Mafeking The Street, Benenden**  
- Two single storey extensions to provide a utility room and study and a playroom/guest room (LB) (CA)

**12/01100/HOUSE** **Wealden Heights Cranbrook Road, Benenden**  
- Creation of hard tennis court with 9' high perimeter fencing (LB)

**12/01110/FUL** **Leelands Benenden Girls School, Benenden**  
- New glazed screen, new windows to part north west elevation and internal alterations (LB)

**12/01051/FUL** **Marlborough House School High Street, Hawkhurst**  
- Replacement tractor and garden implement store (LB)

**12/01050/HOUSE** **Upper Haymans Farm Haymans Hill, Horsmonden**  
- Annex extension to farmhouse to provide accommodation for agricultural worker (PROW)

**12/01145/HOUSE** **Coggers Bank Parsonage Lane, Lamberhurst**  
- Part replacement and raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation, including dormer windows and rooflights (CA)

**12/01138/FUL** **17 - 19 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Change of use to tearooms, internal and external alterations and demolition of courtyard wall to rear (LB) (CA)

**12/01140/LBC** **17 - 19 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use to tearooms, internal and external alterations and demolition of courtyard wall to rear (LB)

**12/01129/FUL** **Flat Ground Floor 12 Sutherland Road, Park**  
Brick up existing back door and 1 window on side elevation. Form new smaller window opening on same side elevation. Brick up 2 existing windows on rear elevation. Form new patio door and 1 window on rear elevation - window area to be larger than existing window (CA)

**12/01202/FUL** **Frames & Pictures 15 Camden Road, Park**  
- Shop frontage and advertisement above (CA)

**12/01098/HOUSE** **Cloverly Back Road, Sandhurst**  
- Two-storey side extension with single storey rear extension (CA)

**12/01099/FUL** **Golford Stables Tenterden Road, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**  
- Three bedroom dwelling to replace mobile home (LB)

**12/01187/FULMJ** **Fridays Of Cranbrook Ltd Chequer Tree Farm, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**  
- Demolition of 8 of the existing 11 poultry sheds and erection of 3 poultry houses for egg production, each equipped with 4 feed bins (MAJOR)

**12/01059/HOUSE** **Burnt Cottage Langton Road, Speldhurst**  
- Single storey and two storey rear extensions to replace existing flat roof extension (LB)

**12/01061/LBC** **Burnt Cottage Langton Road, Speldhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Single storey and two storey rear extensions to replace existing flat roof extension (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

**Dated: 5 May 2012**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
PLANNING PERMISSIONNOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN  
AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

**KCC/TW/0142/2012 - Proposed development at Pembury Wastewater Treatment Works, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4AQ**

Southern Water Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for construction of two walk-in kiosks, five sand filters and other minor structures to support upgrades to the wastewater treatment works. The proposed development also affects a public right of way.

You may view this application at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
**Dated: 6th May 2012**



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PLANNING



Planning applications

Notice under Article 6 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/12/00308/FUL: 52 Argyle Road, Whitstable, CT5 1JR New timber front door and pave front path in black and white tiles. **Applicant: K Verity**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00381/FUL: 88 Spenser Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QP Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs MacDonald**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00423/FUL: Youngs Farm, Catt's Wood Road, Lower Hardres, CT4 5PG Construction of an outbuilding and ground mounted solar panels. **Applicant: Mr P Bell** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA/12/00437/FUL: 30 Stanley Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SH Erection of outbuilding. (Retrospective application). **Applicant: Mr K Ryan**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00492/FUL: 16 Temple Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JD Erection of fence and replacement of timber windows with UPVC.  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00497/FUL: 48 The Hill, Littlebourne, CT3 1TA Replacement of timber with upvc windows. **Applicant: Mr Owens**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00548/PEN: 70 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HL Replacement windows and door to front and rear elevations.  
**Applicant: J Double** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00562/FUL: Playhouse Theatre, 104 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AZ Replacement of external lighting with LEDs.  
**Applicant: Mr Jenner** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00570/FUL: 22 St George's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2SS Installation of new shop front and internally illuminated roller shutter.  
**Applicant: GREGGS PLC** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00571/ADV: 22 St George's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2SS Internally illuminated fascia and projecting sign. **Applicant: GREGGS PLC**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00589/FUL: Bridge Cottage, The Street, Barham, CT4 6NY Erection of garage with accommodation above. **Applicant: Dr Begg**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00621/FUL: Almory House, Monastery Street, Canterbury, CT1 1NW Demolition of two existing buildings on site and redevelopment to create a private medical centre for The King's School, with two staff apartments above and one linked detached three-bedroomed dwelling house. **Applicant: The King's School** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00622/CAC: Almory House, Monastery Street, Canterbury, CT1 1NW Demolition of two existing buildings in connection with redevelopment of the site. **Applicant: The King's School** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00623/FUL: 47 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8LF Single-storey extensions to side and rear and insertion of two no roof flights to front. **Applicant: Mr Devereux** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00637/FUL: 15 Tower Hill, Whitstable, CT5 2BW Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Kidd** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00640/FUL: Saltshore House, 31 West Cliff, Whitstable, CT5 1DL Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Pod Architects**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00641/CAC: Kingsmead CP School, St Johns Place, Canterbury, CT1 1BD Demolition of Adult Education Centre retaining elevations in part and demolition of part of toilet on Kingsmead School (to facilitate redevelopment of site). **Applicant: Kent County Council**  
Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00647/FUL: 5 Clifton Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DQ Two and single-storey extensions to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Boo**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00651/FUL: 24A Westbere Lane, Westbere, CT2 0HH Conversion of garage to gymnasium for domestic use only and construction of three bay cart shed for vehicle storage. **Applicant: Mr C Rawke** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00654/FUL: Charter House, St George's Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UQ Installation of two condenser units to roof of building. **Applicant: D Lomax** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00657/FUL: The Telephone Exchange, Ashford Road, Chartham, CT4 7HS Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hutchings** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00658/CAC: The Telephone Exchange, Ashford Road, Chartham, CT4 7HS Demolition of existing dwelling in connection with erection of replacement dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hutchings** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00659/FUL: Land at Gordon Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PP Erection of a block of five one-bed, one three-bed flats and a block of eight maisonettes. **Applicant: Mr Bowler** Reason: Major and conservation area.
- CA/12/00660/CAC: Land at Gordon Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PP Demolition of industrial building to facilitate redevelopment of the site. **Applicant: Mr Bowler** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00673/FUL: 52 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1EA Replacement single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Dominic Wade**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00677/FUL: 40 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DQ Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Simon Barber**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00678/FUL: 38B St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BY Construction of a detached residential dwelling on land off Ryde Street to the rear of 38B St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury following demolition of existing garage. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Johns** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00706/LB: Bridge Cottage, The Street, Barham, CT4 6NY Erection of garage with accommodation above. **Applicant: Dr Begg**  
Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.control@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 28 May 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 4 May 2012

HIGHWAYS

**CRETE ROAD WEST** will be closed from 21 May 2012 for up to 2 days, between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.  
The road will be closed between the junctions with Elvington Lane and Gibraltar Lane.  
The alternative route is via Elvington Lane and Gibraltar Lane.  
**CRETE ROAD EAST** will be closed from 29 May 2012 for up to 2 days, between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.  
The road will be closed for its entire length.  
The alternative route is via A260 Canterbury Road, Hill Road and B2011 Dover Hill

**THE OLD HIGH STREET, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Old High Street, Folkestone, on or after 21 May 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.  
The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 10.  
There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access for businesses whenever it is safe to do so.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, HAWKINGE) (WIDTH RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:  
The effect of the Order introduces a 6'6" width restriction on the following roads:-

Location	Proposal
1 Mill Lane, Hawkinge	For its entire length
2 St Deny's Road, Hawkinge	For its entire length
3 Old Rectory Close	For its entire length

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by this Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY  
The Order will be made on 10 May 2012 and will come into operation on 14 May 2012.  
Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make an application to the High Court for this purpose.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Swale**

**LUDDENHAM HILL, LUDDENHAM, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to safely remove overhanging tree canopy, Kent County Council intends to make an

Order prohibiting through traffic on Luddenham Hill, Luddenham, Faversham, on or after 26 May 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.  
The road will be closed to the north of the junction with Bysing Wood Road.  
The alternative route is via Wildmarsh Road and Bysing Wood Road.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO XX) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of their powers and under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which would be to:-  
Install double yellow line parking restrictions within the newly resurfaced turning head in St. Peters Footpath. The markings will extend for a length of 20metres to accompany the existing KEEP CLEAR markings.  
Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way  
Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.  
If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to [TRO@kent.gov.uk](mailto:TRO@kent.gov.uk) by noon on Monday 28th May 2012.

**HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MILL STREET, EAST MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mill Street outside of 157 on or after Tuesday 8th May 2012 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are complete.  
The alternative route is via New Road, Chapman Way, Winterfield Lane, Clare Lane.  
Crown Utilities Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install mains and services at the development.  
Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Michaela Radford on 0800 027 5052.

John Burr  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 6th May 2012

For further information, please contact  
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
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**HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford****BRIDGE STREET, WYE (SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce during the renovation of the Southern Water Treatment Works, Kent County Council has made an Order amending the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Bridge Street, Wye.

This takes effect on or after 7 May 2012 for up to 20 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The effect of this is to suspend the One-way Order to allow construction traffic to travel in the reverse direction, when the specific traffic control and signage is in place.

This applies to the section of Bridge Street between Churchfield Way and the approach to the treatment works, and only applies to construction traffic involved in the renovation works.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury****CANTERBURY ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow Network Rail to carry out a bridge safety inspection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, on or after 24 May 2012 from 10.00 pm through until 6.00 am the following morning.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Beltinge Road, Sea View Road, Reculver Road, Margate Road, A299 Thanet Way and Canterbury Road.

**KING STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable a sewer connection to be made to a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Canterbury, on or after 21 May 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with The Friars.

The alternative routes are

Southbound via King Street, Palace Street and Orange Street.

Northbound via Orange Street, Palace Street, The Borough, St Radigund's Street, Knotts Lane and King Street.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Dover****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) (A256 WHITFIELD BY-PASS, TILMANSTONE) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief office of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces experimentally no right turns from the A256 Whitfield By-pass, Tilmanstone onto Dover Road, Tilmanstone.

1. No person causing any vehicle proceeding on the A256 Whitfield By-pass, Tilmanstone shall cause that vehicle to turn right into Dover Road, Tilmanstone

This Order was made on 1 May 2012 and will come into force on 7 May 2012.

The Kent County Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Full details are contained in the Order which together with the relevant plans and a statement for the Councils reasons for making the Order may be examined at the offices of the Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD and at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover.

Within the period of 18 months of the coming into force of the Experimental Traffic Order any person may object to this Order prior to making the Order permanent. If you wish to object to the Experimental Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD or by e mail to [traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk).

**DUKE STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Duke Street, Deal, on or after 8 May 2012 for up to 3 days.

The road will be closed between the junctions with West Street and High Street.

The alternative route is via West Street, Stanhope Road and High Street.

**CAPEL STREET, CAPEL-LE-FERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Capel Street, Capel-le-Ferne, on or after 26 May 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases between New Dover Road and the bridge over the A20 Trunk Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Cauldham Lane, Swinge Hill and Hockley Sole Lane.

Various side roads will be closed at their junctions with Capel Street as the works progress, as signposted on site.

**COLD BLOW LEVEL CROSSING, RIPPLE, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cold Blow Level Crossing, Ripple, Deal, on or after 27 May 2012, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Coldbow will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Coldblow, Ripple Road, A258 Dover Road, Station Road and Coldblow.

**KINGSDOWN ROAD, ST MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Kingsdown Road, St Margaret's at Cliffe, on or after 23 May 2012 for up to 1 day, between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length, which also affects access to The Freedown.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there may be times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**SINGLEGE LANE, WHITFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Singlege Lane, Whitfield, on or after 21 May 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Green Lane and Coldred Road.

The alternative route is via Coldred Road, The Street, Kennel Hill, Sandwich Road and Nursery Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO.11) ORDER 2012****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(i), 2(i) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. The Order "THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (Various Roads, Dover District) (Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places) (Amendment No.11) Order 2012" will introduce a "Prohibition of Waiting at any time" (double yellow lines).

**DOVER ROAD - SANDWICH**

- (i) Dover Road - Northwest side, from the junction with Stone Cross Lees for a distance 20 metres in a south westerly direction and 20 metres in a north easterly direction.

**STONE CROSS LEES - SANDWICH**

- (ii) Stone Cross Lees - Both sides, from the junction of Dover Road for a distance of 12 metres in a north westerly direction.

**DOVER ROAD - SANDWICH**

- (iii) Dover Road - Northwest side, from a point in line with the south western boundary wall of No.43 Dover Road south westwards to the south western boundary wall of No.47 Dover Road.

A copy of the Order, which comes into force 08th May 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

**HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham****NORWOOD LANE, MEOPHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic in Norwood Lane, Meopham between properties Sunhollow and Wembury.

The Order will become effective on 21st May 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to start 25th May 2012 and planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Norwood Lane, Camber Road and Wrotham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a Sewer connection.

**HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, LOOSE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Street, outside Church House Loose on or after Tuesday 8th May 2012 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via High Banks and Old Loose Hill.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to lay duct in the carriageway. Should you require any further information contact is Clinton Simmonds on 07810 504808.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks****CROUCH HOUSE ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crouch House Road, Edenbridge, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Orchard Drive to Greshams Way.

The alternative route is via Stangrove Road, B2026 Mont St Aignay Way and Station Road, Hilders Lane and Crouch House Road

**FURNACE LANE/COWDEN TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Furnace Lane.

The Order will become effective on 06 May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 07/05/2012 and will last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: approaching from the east the diversion route is along Smithers Lane Dormanland, Surrey, then south along Shepherds Grove Lane Forest Row, East Sussex, north along Holtlye Hill East Sussex and then west along Furnace Lane East Sussex from where you will enter Furnace Lane Cowden. The diversion for traffic approaching from the West is as above but reversed.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate essential carriageway works.

**STATION ROAD (BLOWERS HILL) COWDEN - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****HE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Station Road (Blowers Hill) from the Railway Bridge to Junction of Cow Lane.

The Order will become effective on 6th May 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 10th May 2012 and will last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Blowers Hill, Station Road, Spode Lane, B2026 Hartfield Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate railway bridge examination works.

**TWITTON LANE, SHOREHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Twitton Lane, Shoreham from the junction of Filston Lane to the junction with Pilgrims Way, Otford, Sevenoaks.

The Order will become effective on 20th May 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence

On 22nd May 2012 and will last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pilgrims Way East, Filston Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

**HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway****CRETE ROAD, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crete Road, Folkestone, on or after 21 May 2012, as detailed below.

For further information, please contact  
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE AREA OF  
CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 19(2)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF  
THE REGISTER OF TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. and Mrs. N. Harrington under section 19(4) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks to correct an alleged error by the Registration Authority in making an entry in the Register of Town and Village Greens. The effect of the application, if successful, is to remove land from the Register of Town and Village Greens for unit number VG124, as described in the Schedule below.

The application may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221511 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to the Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 18th June 2012. Please quote reference CAA15/VG124.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

## Description and effect of the application

The application seeks to amend the Register of Town and Village Greens for unit number VG124 (known as Duncan Down) by removing from the registration a piece of land of approximately 676 square metres situated at the boundary of the Village Green with 55 Gordon Road and 33 Stanley Road at Whitstable.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE AREA OF  
CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF  
LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by the Friends of Duncan Down under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221628 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 18th June 2012. Please quote reference VGA637.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

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Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 0.14 acres (0.05 hectares) in size forming part of a wider area known locally as Duncan Down, situated in the vicinity of South View Farm and Benacre Road at Whitstable in Kent. The land subject to the application immediately abuts existing Village Greens VG232 and VG240.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE AREA OF  
CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 19(2)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF  
THE REGISTER OF TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Seasalter Shellfish (Whitstable) Ltd. under section 19(4) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks to correct an alleged error by the Registration Authority in making an entry in the Register of Town or Village Greens. The effect of the application, if successful, is to remove land from the Register of Town and Village Greens for unit number VG126, as described in the Schedule below.

The application may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221511 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to the Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 18th June 2012. Please quote reference CAA16/VG126.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be

treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

## Description and effect of the application

The application seeks to amend the Register of Town or Village Greens for unit number VG126 (known as West Beach and Seasalter Beach) by removing from the registration a strip of land of approximately 0.6 acres (0.2 hectares) comprising a row of beach huts on the landward side of the Village Green registration.

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35  
IN THE PARISH OF SEVENOAKSPUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath SU35, between the junction with Oak Lane and the junction with Grassy Lane from the 18th May 2012.

The route will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 16th October 2012.

The route will be closed because works to re-roof Morning Cottage mean the route will be impassable and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mr Sam Honey

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE DISTRICT OF  
SHEPWAY

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF  
LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by a group of local residents under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below.

Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221628 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 18th June 2012. Please quote reference VGA638.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for  
registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 13.6 acres (5.5 hectares) in size, situated at the junction of Cockreed Lane and Rolfe Lane in New Romney, Kent.

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS1,  
IN THE PARISH OF MINSTER ON SEAPUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS1, MINSTER  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed part of Public Footpath ZS1 between Kent Avenue and The Broadway from the 30th April 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that the proposed works will take 3 weeks and will be completed by 20 July 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Kent Avenue and The Broadway and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
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Dated: 6th May 2012

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**ELIZABETH** 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990 ☺

**51YR** old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916

**SARAH** 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912 ☺

**AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

**SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

**BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

**LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

**JACKIE** late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283 ☺

**BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503

**ANNE** romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225 ☺

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743

**ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496

**FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787 ☺

**CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565

**JUNE** good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

**46YR** old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143 ☺

**ATTRACTIVE** lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987 ☺

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**NIAMH** slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real woman. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051 ☺

**EMMA** pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373

**LYNDA** very attractive attached female, own transport and willing to travel, seeking similar natured male for extra circular activities. Must be discreet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386653 ☺

**KERRY** blonde blue eyed cultured lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386649 ☺

**HI** I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643 ☺

**DEBBIE** slim outgoing approachable attractive lassie, 33yrs, GSOH, sporty, looking for non serious fun male for friendship, maybe more. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387101 ☺

**TINA** new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625 ☺

**SARA** 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTm tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623 ☺

**ATTRACTIVE** 48yr old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868

**MICHELLE** fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757

**TRUDIE** blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389755

**AMANDA** honest pretty single mum, 30, big brown eyes, attractive, seeking single male/dad for lots of tlc and companionship. pls call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389737

**LINDA** busty blue eyed blonde bombshell, likes holidays, socialising, looking good, WLTm Mr Right to become a perfect trophy wife. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389735

**AMANDA** 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733

**SOPHIE** lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731

**LADY** 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653 ☺

**JACQUELINE** 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, Auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539 ☺

**ALICE** 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107 ☺

**MANDY** 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555

**HI** I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103 ☺

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**CHARLIE** young 37yr old blonde attractive nurse, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387051 ☺

**LAURA** single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curvy figure, WLTm older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049 ☺

**TASHA** single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and tlc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047 ☺

**60YR** old attractive female, seeks non drinker for dog walking, theatre, galleries, photography and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386231

**LISA** blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020

**WENDY** cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614 ☺

**MARION** 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159 ☺

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**CARIBBEAN** young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117

**SUSIE** tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163 ☺

**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362 ☺

**SLIM** tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071

**NICOLE** lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145

**JACQUELINE** blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137

**TRIXI** looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135

**YVONNE** professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111

**SANDY** slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTm loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109

**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337

**SUE** young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275

**DEBS** 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273

**51YR** old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840 ☺

**KEELY** blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377

**WENDY** enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079 ☺

**SARAH** 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626

**GEM** 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTm genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369

**BECKY** single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057 ☺

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**TRACY** 39, fun blue eyed busty blonde, a little dizzy at times but a big bundle of fun, WLTm professional male for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384045

**JO** 21yr old single mum who loves nights out, seeks understanding male for adult fun and more. ACA. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384043

**48YR** old female, seeks tall, caring male in the West Sussex area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388974

**HANNAH** 34 slim petite green eyed single mum with many interest, seeking discreet older male for mutual companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379977

**SAM** 35, green eyed voluptuous, busty, loves football, theatre, travel, red wine, WLTm older male up to 65yrs for sensual relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379975

**KERRY** 32yr old single mum of one, ready to move on with a new relationship, WLTm genuine male for flirty dates, text fun and more. Pls Call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383901 ☺

**MAVE** young 73yr old widow, attractive, seeks tall, solvent gent, 65-75 to share good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378799 ☺

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**DARK** haired male, slim, seeks female of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391002 ☺

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**HEALTHY** happy 49yr old male, seeks attractive, well spoken, N/S Sussex female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390938 ☺

**DISCREET** afternoon fun by the seaside, male 39, good looking, seeks female, 18-60 for afternoon slap and tickle. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390936 ☺

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**ADE** early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384955 ☺

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**ENGLISH** gent, 60, seeking attractive African female, 50-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390810 ☺

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**JOHN** young 53yr old, no ties, medium build, 5ft 7ins, blue eyes, laidback, black belt, likes music, meals out, nights in, self employed, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389529 ☺

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**56YR** old easygoing male, tactile, seeks lady, 48-65 who can handle a hot blooded male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389367

**SURREY** male, 63, 6ft, slim, OHAC, seeks younger, slim, N/S female, no ties for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388805

**JOHN** 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, brown hair, slim, seeks black male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387274 ☺

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## THE INTERVIEW

Paul L Martin

# Trinity Million, the global sensation who never forgets his county roots

**Joe Bill** meets the village lad whose one-off charity show inspired an international career

**T**HE late-night entertainment bars and clubs of London's West End can seem a million miles away from the villages of Kent.

But for Paul L Martin, who hails from Littlebourne, near Canterbury, having his name in lights in the capital became almost a right of passage.

The 36-year-old has been described by The Stage magazine as the king of cabaret and his career has seen him perform across the world.

But Martin's transition to his recent role as a panel judge on a cable-TV reality show was far from the typical pushy parents and child-star syndrome so many performers go through.

He said: "I have the people of Kent, and especially Littlebourne, to thank for pushing me into cabaret. My mother went on the committee of the local leukaemia research fund because the son of a friend of hers had leukaemia and they were trying to think of ways to raise money for him.

"I was only 15 at the time and my mum said 'Why don't you and your little friends put on a show?'. So basically we did a 90-minute show in a barn and it went from there.

"We performed songs from musicals, sketches and comedy from Victoria Wood – and we ended up doing it four years in a row. I didn't know at the time that it was cabaret that I was doing but that is definitely where it started."

Martin is currently the judge on the Sky Living show *Bigger Than...*, which offers lookalikes the chance to be pampered like their famous counterparts, but with a rather large twist.

He explained: "You add in the name of a pop star, say *Bigger than... Britney*. It is a search for lookalikes who are bigger than the pop star.

"We find some large girls who might look like Britney if they slimmed down a bit and we give them weight-loss programmes that Britney has tried in the past. We knock it down to the last three and then the winner gets representation

with my agency company."

But back at the start of his career, the cabaret star wasn't aware of the path his career would take: "I think I was quite stupid when I was younger. I didn't know that I wanted to go into performance – people had to tell me. It was a bit ridiculous that I hadn't realised it because I was always singing and dancing and all that.

"I worked at Canterbury Cathedral during a year out and all the ladies there would say 'Of course, you'll be off to drama school soon' and I hadn't even thought about it."

At 20, Martin went to Mountview Drama School in London, but it didn't exactly end how the performer had planned.

He said: "I did a three-year musical theatre course, but right before the end I had problems with funding and I actually didn't graduate. I left about three months before the ceremony and then, like everyone, became an out-of-work actor and a waiter.

"I ended up writing a play that I put on in London Fringe. It was a one-man show. It was a mixture of my words, other people's songs and some poetry that I had written and had published in some London magazines. I used that as my own graduation."

Now the founder and director of his own entertainment agency, Excess All Areas, Martin spends a lot of time behind the scenes creating the stage magic and was recently named 'best producer' at the London Fringe Report Awards 2012.

But the performer's big break couldn't have been any less 'behind the scenes' as he quickly became known by his alter-ego, Trinity Million.

He said: "I was working in a bar in Old Compton Street at the time and two drag queens came in and I had a good chat with them and told them I was an actor. Their reply was to tell me that they were in need of some new drag showgirls for their act.

"Two weeks later, I was wearing a corset and became a showgirl. It was great – I learned



everything there and ended up being a drag queen for about seven years, playing at different venues in the West End.

"The thing about drag is that it gives you a tremendous amount of power regarding some

of the things you can get away with saying. If you were standing there saying this while dressed as a bloke you would probably get punched, so it gives you a lot of confidence."

It was during his days as Trinity Million that Paul L Martin appeared on TV shows with the likes of Michael Barrymore as well as getting parts in musicals including *Angels*, *Punks* and *Raging Queens* and *Ruthless* as well as creating the role of Philip Salon for the Boy George musical *Taboo*.

"It was when I started travelling that I hung up my dress. I did shows in New York at the famous Don't Tell Mama bar. I went on to perform in Berlin, Rome and Paris doing pure cabaret."

But even when travelling the globe, Martin is close to his roots in the Garden of England.

He said: "My family are all still in Kent. My mum and my sister run an antiques shop in St Nicholas at Wade in Thanet, and others live in Greenhill. So I am still tied to the county and I have many fond memories of growing up here.

"I am always heading back to see the family, plus myself and my husband have been thinking about buying a house in Margate and we are very excited about the regeneration of that area."

Having recently organised the London Cabaret Awards, Martin has been heralded for his work in helping the resurgence of stage art in the capital. However, arguably one of his most high-profile roles is looming just a few weeks away.

He said: "I will be hosting the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Battersea Park. There is obviously a very special flotilla heading down the Thames with the Queen onboard and the celebrations happen after that. It will be really exciting and completely free."

**■ Paul L Martin's Bigger Than... airs on Sky Living channel 107. Visit [www.paulmartin.com](http://www.paulmartin.com) for more information about the man.**

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# No distance for rich taste of the exotic

IT IS widely known that the British are quite fond of a spicy curry. So much so, in fact, that it has been adopted as one of our national dishes. The foods, flavours and cooking techniques in the UK are just some of the benefits of our multicultural society. With new nationalities come new dishes and, inevitably, new restaurants.

A quick glance at the Kent countryside and coastal resorts may have you thinking that the only meal available here is the very British roast dinner or traditional fish and chips... you would be very wrong.

Long gone are the days when an exotic meal out consisted of two choices... Chinese or Indian. Kent is now blessed with a diverse range of foreign foods, including Mexican, Nepalese, Thai, Italian, French, Greek or even

Russian! Never before have so many nationalities had the traditional foods of their heritage available to us all, whenever we want them.

And that means that never before have there been so many options from which diners can choose. The best thing for chefs in all of Kent's restaurants, no matter what nationality, is the range of local produce that can be harvested and used for so many wonderful dishes.

From the classically British fisherman's pie to the exotic and spicy king prawn Madras, from the gravy-covered roast beef to the chilli chicken fajita, Kent has both the ingredients and the know-how for all.

But just in case you are worried by the range of choices available, or you just can't choose which continent to try out, here are six absolute crackers!



### Gurkha Palace Folkestone

#### Why here...

Try an authentic taste of Nepal with regional cuisines. The food of this beautiful country is as diverse as the landscape, so it's no surprise to learn that Gurkha Palace's menu is vast.

#### On the menu...

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#### How to book...

97 Enbrook Valley (Golden Valley shopping centre), Folkestone CT20 3NE  
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### Empress of India Sittingbourne

#### Why here...

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#### On the menu...

You will feel very welcome in the presence of the owner Babul – ask him to surprise you with a special dish and he will not disappoint. Try the Chicken Tikka Babul, named by the owner himself, a house favourite and best-seller. Also try the new best-selling lager Mongoose. There is also a selection of cocktails.

#### How to book...

Empress of India, 24 East Street, Sittingbourne ME10 4RT; phone: 01795 431155; Facebook: Empressofindia Sittingbourne

### Surin Ramsgate

#### Why here...

Surin serves an array of authentic Thai, Lao and Cambodian cuisine using local produce. The eatery has also been highly recommended by both The Guardian and Kent Life magazine.

#### On the menu...

Surin is open from at lunch from Tuesday to Saturday 12.30pm-2.30pm. During the evening the restaurant is open from Monday to Saturday 6pm-11pm. It is also open for Sunday bank-holiday dinners.

#### How to book...

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### Maharani Sittingbourne

#### Why here...

The Maharani is one of the most popular Indian restaurants in Swale and the first to have opened in Sittingbourne. The in-house team has the expertise of the original owners as well as the same chef from the day the venue opened, in 1980.

There is a cosy atmosphere, with warm and friendly service. There are plenty of traditional dishes and special cuisine for everyone to try.

#### On the menu...

Try the balti chicken tikka pathia methi or the mouthwatering karai chicken tikka rani, the special dish made using great-grandmother's recipe passed down the generations! Choose from the range of Indian lagers including the famous Bangla beer and fine wine from the drinks menu.

#### How to book...

Maharani Indian Restaurant, 24 West Street, Sittingbourne ME10 1AP; phone: 01795 424515; Facebook: Maharani Sittingbourne



### Oriental Buffet Tonbridge

#### Why here...

The Oriental Buffet has been under new management since January and offers the chance to feast on all your favourite cuisines. "Quality without compromise" is the key for new owner Kishore Fapkota.

#### On the menu...

With more than 50 items to choose from and five styles of cuisine, there is something for everyone. No arguing about whether to go for an Indian or Chinese, Thai or Nepalese – here you can try it all.

#### How to book...

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# FOOD & DRINK

## Flavours of Kent

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# Arabian night was different but lacked that vital spark

BEING different can be a double-edged sword in today's competitive eating-out marketplace.

After all, get it wrong and the chances are the discerning diner never darkens your hand-towels again and takes his business elsewhere.

But get it right and it can deliver an ever-increasing stream of customers through your doors, armed with recession-busting cash.

Yet being different in Canterbury is no easy task. As perhaps the county's most cosmopolitan of hubs, there is barely a variety of food that is not served up in one of its many restaurants.

Azouma, however, looks to catch the eye by offering an authentic experience that extends to more than just food. What it tries to achieve is the deliverance of a little slice of Moroccan sun or Arabian warmth on a gloomy Friday night.

And it gets so close to achieving it that you cannot help but be rather won over.

Because, even aside from the starters and the mains, those who want to buy into the Arabic lifestyle can eat, drink and then go and sit outside and puff on a shisha pipe while sipping a cocktail or pot of mint tea.

Close your eyes and use your imagination and the streets of the city can almost become the crowded lanes of the souks of Marrakesh as you sit there puffing away.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



You have to give Azouma 10 out of 10 for effort. Situated just outside the city walls – and away from the main hordes of tourists – stepping inside does feel a little like walking into another world. The décor is very Moroccan: thick tables, comfy chairs, lots of cushions and drapes.

So on to the food. The good news is that the variety is wide, with plenty for vegetarians, and all rooted in the culture it aims to emulate. There are tagine dishes, couscous, mezze, grilled fish and charcoal dishes all lovingly prepared.

Sharing a vegetarian mixed mezze (£10.95) set a good benchmark. Crisp, crunchy Lebanese fried bread, tasty falafels and light spring rolls

were plentiful and served in authentic dishes where hands were the cutlery. The menu gave a handy bit of background and history of the traditions.

For the main course, pan-roasted prawns (£13.95) cooked on a bed of potato and topped with cream, coconuts and cheeses packed a powerful punch, while the lamb shish kebab (£10.95) featured tender, tasty marinated meat.

We missed dessert, opting instead for cocktails and mint tea on the terrace with a shisha pipe. Not a healthy option, granted, but it was rather fun. It also provided a very different ending to an evening dining out – something to be applauded.

There was, however, a big 'but' to all of this. Amid the effort and the interesting food, the atmosphere, at least on this visit, was almost non-existent. It craved some life, a little louder music... anything just to inject a bit of zing.

But when the total bill only just topped the £50 mark and included two soft drinks, a cocktail, mint tea, shisha and two courses for two, you could hardly argue with the value.

**Chris Thomson**

■ **Azouma Restaurant, 4 Church Street, St Pauls, Canterbury CT1 1NH.**  
Telephone 01227 760076

## AA rosette award is just desserts for patron Dev

THE Ambrette restaurant in Margate has won an AA rosette under head chef and patron Dev Biswal, pictured.

The award was given to the Indian-cuisine eatery after a team of AA inspectors recognised its ability to "serve food prepared with care, understanding and skill, using good-quality ingredients" and achieve "standards that stand out in their local area".

Biswal said: "We've been featured in most of the UK's leading restaurant guides for some time now, but an AA rosette is one accolade that has eluded us."



The chef grew up in Calcutta and trained at the Dubai Sheraton before moving to London in 2003 for spells at Mangoes and Eriki. He became a partner in The Indian Princess in Margate in December 2006, becoming patron and rebranding it as The Ambrette in 2010.

Biswal's second Ambrette restaurant opened in Rye in December 2011 and is located in the historic White Vine House.

The updated AA Restaurant Guide 2013, to be published in September, will feature more than 1,900 restaurants, rated and awarded rosettes by AA inspectors.

With detailed write-ups on each restaurant, the guide is valued highly by Britain's food-lovers.

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FUN Lovin' Criminals duo Fast and Frank Benbini have confirmed that they will be headlining the One Love Festival. The pair, known as Radio Riddlers, are famous for their New York rap group, with Huey Morgan having hits like Scooby Snacks and Loco. They will be showcasing their forthcoming album, an alternative production of Prince's Purple Rain LP entitled Purple Reggae. The fifth annual One Love Festival will celebrate 50 years of Jamaican independence as well as host top names from the reggae world. Straight from the Caribbean, reggae legend Freddie McGregor and dance-hall king Frankie Paul will be featuring at The Hop Farm.

## Bard to verse The absurdity of life.. in song

**St John's Church, Meopham**

Thursday, May 24, at 8pm

Tickets £15  
[twokettles@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twokettles@hotmail.co.uk)

MUSICIAN Martyn Joseph and his poet sidekick Stewart Henderson will be appearing for the first time at St John's Church at Meopham later this month.

The singer has been described as "the Welsh Woody Guthrie" due to his easy rapport with audiences, humour and ability to make all feel at home. Joseph has toured all over the world and has a real pedigree, having appeared alongside artists such as Art Garfunkel, Shirley Bassey, Celine Dion and Jools Holland.

Poet Henderson, with whom Joseph has worked for 20 years, tells of "the passion, absurdity and terrible joy of being alive." Expect an evening of song, verse and thought-provoking rants.



## Crafty stuff See a range of talented folk

**Penshurst Place, Tonbridge**

Saturday to Monday, May 5-7  
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THE famous Weald of Kent Craft Show hits Penshurst Place this bank holiday with some of the best exhibits in the region. Set in the picturesque surroundings near Tonbridge, the show will offer the finest handmade crafts to spruce up your home and garden as well as countryside pursuits and delectable cuisine from regional exhibitors. There will be more than 250 craftspeople to see, including the highly-rated garden experts of Chilstone of Tunbridge Wells showing off their special Diamond Jubilee patriotic garden ideas. Keeping the royal theme, This Art Of Mine, a studio near Maidstone, will be at the show offering a celebratory community-craft experience. Adult tickets cost £6.50, with children under 16 entering free.



## Leaping stars The future of British ballet

**The Churchill, Bromley**

Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20

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THE English National Ballet production of My First Sleeping Beauty will pirouette on to the stage at The Churchill Theatre this month. Following the success of the

Angelina Ballerina ballets, which reached audiences across the UK and Europe, English National Ballet in partnership with English National Ballet School is continuing the initiative to bring ballet to young audiences. The show is performed by the third-year students from English National Ballet School in their first professional tour, so it will be a first for both audiences and performers. My First Sleeping Beauty is choreographed and designed by award-winning choreographer Matthew Hart.

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the castle at 2pm and invite them to the jousting arena. The jousts begin at about 2.15pm and last an hour. Support your chosen knight as the thrill of the joust takes place in an

arena complete with royal box. Visitors can tour the gardens, once the childhood haunt of Anne Boleyn. The gardens open at 10.30am and the castle itself opens at midday.



## Cultivating culture Gardens and history

**Beech Court Gardens, Ashford**  
Saturday, May 19  
01233 740735; www.beechcourtgardens.co.uk

VISITORS to Beech Court in Challock can enjoy guided spring walks around the gardens, including strolls through the attractive viburnum walk.

The walk is free with garden admission and visitors can hear about the garden's history and wildlife while admiring mature rhododendrons and azaleas, which will also be at their peak. The gardens surround a 14th-century farmhouse and the site dates back to Saxon times, suggested by the discovery of Roman swords and artefacts. Guided tours start at 2.30pm.

## What can be done? 'Save the species' is in focus at animal park

**Howletts, Bekesbourne**  
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CRITICALLY-ENDANGERED species will be the focus of this month's visitor themes at Howletts Wild Animal Park.

Animal fans can embark on a journey of discovery to learn what can be done to help the survival of awesome species like the Sumatran tiger

Throughout the month, visitors will be able to follow self-guided trails, take part in quizzes and enjoy educational talks while discovering how to help protect endangered species.

Animal director Neil Spooner said: "May's theme is very close to our hearts, while the quizzes and trails are a fun way to highlight the importance of conservation and the work that we do here in conjunction with The Aspinall Foundation."

The animal park is home to endangered animals like western lowland gorillas and black rhinos.

## The dames of Dickens Maid Miriam

**Dickens World, Chatham**  
Saturday, July 17, at 8pm  
01634 890421  
www.dickensworld.co.uk

BLACKADDER and Harry Potter actress Miriam Margolyes stars in a highly-rated play heading to Chatham. Dickens' Women was devised by the actress alongside

director Sonia Fraser as part of this year's celebrations for the bicentenary of the author. The Olivier Award-nominated production will play at the Britannia Theatre in Dickens World as part of its year-long world tour that includes seasons at the Sydney Opera House, Jaipur Literary Festival in India and New York's legendary Morgan Library. Margolyes portrays 23 of Dickens's best-loved characters, from doe-eyed young heroines and brow-beating old haridans to men and midgets.



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## It's a labour of love for fans Hue And Cry

**Woodville Halls, Gravesend**  
Sunday, May 13, at 8pm  
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www.gravesham.gov.uk

SCOTTISH hip-funkateers Hue and Cry return to the stage with a new tour and a new album to boot.

This year heralds the release of *Hot Wire*, the first new album from brothers Pat and Greg Kane since 2008's *Open Soul*.

As Scottish as they come, Hue And Cry leapt to prominence in 1987 when their single *Labour Of Love* hit the No 6 slot.

The immensely-successful album *Remote* and further hit singles *Violently* and *Looking For Linda* followed as Hue And Cry cemented their position as intellectual soul-pop pioneers.

The new record, *Hot Wire*, combines a love of Steely Dan as well as including songs reminiscent of Stevie Wonder, Sly And The Family Stone and early New Orleans-inspired funk. Expect the lads to play a few old classics, too.



## Life is pain but can still be fun Alan Davies

**The Orchard, Dartford**  
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COMEDIAN and actor Alan Davies has announced a date in Kent as part of his stand-up tour.

The funnyman, known for his appearances on highbrow

panel show *QI*, has come back to the stage more than 10 years after his last comedy circuit.

Davies, who also played iconic BBC detective Jonathan Creek, has been in hot water recently and found himself in the papers after comments regarding the Hillsborough football tragedy.

The mop-top comedian, who has also appeared in BBC drama series *Hotel Babylon*, will bring the show *Life Is Pain* to The Orchard Theatre later in the year. Tickets, priced at £25, are on sale now.



## The gods of folk-rock Fairport Convention

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FOLK-ROCK legends Fairport Convention will be celebrating their 45th anniversary in Canterbury next month.

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The 2012 anniversary tour will feature songs from the band's recent studio album, the critically-acclaimed *Festival Bell*. But with such a long history, the band have a vast repertoire from which to draw, so this year the gigs will include a selection of favourite songs and tunes chosen through a poll of the band's fans. Tickets are priced at £18.

## A mad old life Suggs shares his memoirs

**Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone**  
Tuesday, October 9  
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MADNESS star Suggs heads back to Kent to tell the story of his life later this year.

The much-talked-about tour hits Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall in October and tickets are

expected to sell fast. Suggs said: "I've just turned 50, the kids have left home and my cat just died."

It was this sad event that triggered the frontman to go on a quest to discover what happened to the father he never knew.

Stunned by what he learnt, Suggs was taken back to his childhood on the streets of 1970s Soho and his first appearance on *Top Of The Pops* at the age of 18.

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## First GEAR MOTORING NEWS

- Mazda CX-5 makes strides in fuel economy
- Rapid response as Skoda takes on rivals
- Price is right with Hyundai's new-look i20



Looking the part – Golf Cabriolet is even more desirable

# Driving

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By Sam Davison

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HENRY VIII scared the clergy witless but argued that one should never frighten the horses.

Peugeot took up this same cry after shrewdly incorporating soccer-star Michael Owen's five-star Manor House racing stables in Cheshire into a launch of its 508RXH hybrid.

Normal cars are forbidden to drive through the stable blocks there, but, thanks to the hybrid's silent electric zero-emission or ZEV mode, not one equine head was shaken as my Peugeot ghosted through.

The gee-gees also enjoyed a bit of racing competition, too, when we were invited to utilise the car's all-wheel-drive alongside the training gallops. Despite heavy going after driving rain, the 508RXH coped magnificently.

Indeed, the only ones likely to be scared by this clever new multi-role estate car from the French marque are other beefy load-luggers offering all-wheel-drive, such as the Audi A4 Allroad, Volvo XC70 and Subaru Outback.

For it presents a strong financial case thanks to the pioneering diesel-electric powertrain, which made its debut just a few weeks earlier on the Peugeot 3008 Hybrid4.

Like that car, the 508RXH can function as electric car, fuel-sipping/lower-emission diesel, or AWD workhorse – the diesel powers the front wheels while the electric motor deals with the rear.

It looks the part with its higher ground clearance, wider track, extra protection and smart alloys. It can walk the talk, too, with a total of 200bhp on tap from the 163bhp diesel and 37bhp electric motor, delivering 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds, yet this big plush estate returns an official 68.9mpg on the combined cycle.

Priced from a keen £33,695, the tax benefits are an even better form guide; apart from being in the lowest payable road-tax bracket – zero in year one and £30 thereafter – it also attracts 12 per cent Benefit-in-Kind tax against 26 per cent for the equivalent Audi A4 Allroad.

Figures like those engender pragmatism to outweigh the snob appeal of cars like the Audi and Volvo.

Not that the Peugeot concedes much on creature comforts; the interior matches the high standards set recently by Peugeot with lots of spec, including comfy half-leather seats and a trademark full-length glass roof.

Aside from our effort to avoid scaring the horses, ZEV will also have its uses for buyers doing limited local runs – they could cover 2.5 miles at up to 40mph – without help from the engine.

In the real world, though, the diesel and electric motors mix and match to get the driving done as efficiently as possible, with braking energy being recovered to top up the batteries.

The 508RXH feels sure-footed on the road and, apart from some hesitation in the powertrain sometimes, delivers an impressive driving experience as well as a high-quality ride.



PEUGEOT 508RXH

1ST DRIVE

Price:  
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Driving appeal:

★★★★

Image:

★★★★

Space:

★★★★★

Value:

★★★★★

Running costs:

★★★★★

Reliability:

★★★★

How green?:

★★★★★

Best rival:

Peugeot 3008  
Hybrid4

## Peugeot prepares to scare its rivals but leaves horses calm



### HORSES FOR COURSES:

Peugeot's new 508RXH was put through its paces during a Press launch at footballer Michael Owen's racing stables, where the hybrid more than held its own on some rough terrain

### DON'T LIKE

... the colour-coded dashboard trim that mirrors the exterior paint. Peugeot interiors have shot up the rankings, but this was a false step.

### NOT SURE

... the Peugeot can aspire to the prestige ratings of cars like the Audi, but it's a remarkable car and the tax arguments are strong.

### REALLY LIKE

... the styling of the car. The standard 508 estate body is elegant anyway and Peugeot has managed to beef it up in quite a classy way.

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# 'Mother Volkswagen' lets us court her new soft-top star

By Sam Davison

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LIKE an interfering mother who doesn't think the girl is good enough for her son, VW has meddled in the love story between buyers and the Golf Cabriolet.

The first arrived in 1980 as a popular spin-off from the original Golf hatchback, revitalising the four-seat convertible market and finally killing off the much-loved yet outmoded original Beetle cabriolet.

Perhaps the original 'Golf Cab' was too successful, though, since old mother VW stuck her oar in and kept us waiting for a successor: version one soldiered on through the Mark 2 Golf hatchback period until VW finally allowed a replacement in 1993, based on the Mark 3 hatch, only to make this carry with minor updating before all contact between the Golf Cabrio and its adoring public was severed in 2002, when the new Beetle Cabrio arrived.

That was no substitute: the Golf soft-top had broad appeal, while its Beetle usurper flirted more with the female half of the population.

But the Golf's back now and more desirable than ever, with good looks and a production first for the series – no rollover bar.

Instead, retractable metal pillars spring out automatically behind the rear passenger seats to protect heads should the car roll in an accident.

It's an elegant and potentially expensive solution, yet VW has kept the car's entry price to an attractive £20,735 while making it highly desirable when top down, aided by a steeply-raked but reinforced front screen.

Unlike many soft-tops, the Golf also looks the part in roof-up mode where even motorway cruising reveals what a fantastic noise-reduction job VW has done. The current Golf hatchback came out in 2009 to set new standards in cabin refinement. OK, its 'ragtop' sister simply can't match the hatch here, but VW had a jolly good try and has set new standards for this sector.

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### OPENED UP:

VW has made sure the new Golf Cabriolet retains decent boot space while still being an attractive car in either roof-up or roof-down mode

Perhaps even more surprising is how well passengers fare with the roof down and side windows up – the buffeting is not unpleasant, even at motorway speeds – and the roof lowers and rises quickly and automatically via a single switch just below the armrest.

Of course, retaining a fabric roof means that security is not as good as that of a new-generation folding hard-top model such as the Golf's Eos coupé sister, but it has kept the car's more reasonable price and retained decent boot space – the fabric roof packs down above the load area rather than taking up a good third or more when folded down.

The two rear seats also fold to allow through loading into the cabin – the car should cope with most reasonable trips to the local B&Q.

The dashboard is well made but sober, which adds to the car's unisex appeal, and the seats are comfortable, as I proved on a 200-mile-plus

round trip. However, it's the Golf's traditionally sporty poise that tops its looks, practicality and the expectation of excellent resale value.

Our test car was the eco-star 140PS (138bhp) 2.0-litre BlueMotion (£24,660) capable of an official combined fuel consumption of 62.8mpg yet blessed with decent pulling power and handling, too (0-62mph in 9.9 seconds), but I would also recommend the petrol versions to exploit a nimbleness that contradicts the heavy strengthening needed in any convertible.

It means that with direct steering and smooth crisp gearboxes, including VW's excellent twin-clutch auto/manual DSG – adding about £1,400 to prices versus conventional manuals – the Golf Cabrio can be driven with that sports-car verve.

So it's a hearty welcome back to the Golf Cab and a plea to old mother Veedub – don't keep locking it away from us.

## First GEAR

### MOTORING NEWS



## Skyactiv is go with new CX-5

MAZDA launches even more than its all-new CX-5 compact SUV in a couple of weeks' time.

For the stylish newcomer (from £21,395) also pioneers the Japanese marque's Skyactiv technology to drive down fuel consumption and emissions. Emulating premium carmakers like BMW and Mercedes-Benz, Skyactiv is due across all future Mazda models, rather than being a sub-brand or premium option.



## Rapid narrows gulf for Skoda

SKODA aims to plug the gap between its Fabia supermini and Octavia family model by launching a VW Golf/Ford Focus rival.

To be called the Rapid – a name last seen on a coupé version of the Estelle saloon built until 1990 – it's due here by late 2012 but already prompting speculation about a move upmarket and size for the next Octavia model.



## Eco charms of new-look i20

HYUNDAI has launched a heavily-revised i20 supermini line-up priced below the important £10,000 benchmark.

The new i20 model list (from £9,995) includes a road tax-exempt 1.1-litre diesel engine emitting just 84g/km CO<sub>2</sub> and capable of an official combined fuel consumption of almost 90mpg. As ever, though, the Korean marque's standard five-year/unlimited-mileage warranty will also boost sales.

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## FOOTBALL

# No surprise that player with 'limited skills' takes on top job with England

By Greg Miles

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ROY Hodgson, the manager, was already a household name before his appointment with England this week, but Roy Hodgson the player, that's a career only the diehard Kent football fan would know anything about, if at all.

The likeable 64-year-old doesn't appear to have changed from the polite, mild mannered player described by those who played with him in the lower leagues and watched him from the terraces in the 1970s.

Born in Croydon he joined his hometown club Crystal Palace, but was released and went on to represent Tonbridge, Maidstone, Gravesend & Northfleet and Ashford Town before jetting out to South Africa with another famous name, Bobby Houghton, in 1973 to play for Berea Park.

His appointment to probably the toughest job in management hasn't come as a surprise to his former team mate Tony Sitford.

The pair played together at Gravesend & Northfleet, now Ebbsfleet United, in 1971, a club which Mr Sitford went on to manage, after a spell at Dartford.

The 73-year-old who still coaches at Corinthian Sports Club, said: "I'm not surprised at all to be honest. He was always interested in it (coaching).

"He would walk into any room and someone would speak to him and he would just be Roy Hodgson, that's why he's done so well because he doesn't put on airs and graces.

"He did everything meticulously well to be

honest. He wasn't the greatest player in the world, he was a very good player but not the best."

Hodgson played at full back and in midfield during his career, and it's in the latter role that Mr Sitford remembers him.

"He liked to get it down and pass the ball, he wasn't an aggressive person or player," he said. "He was mainly our ball player, he was always willing to take the ball, did the simple things very well indeed.

"He could see a pass very quickly, he had good vision. He was a genuine man."

BBC Radio Kent commentator for Ebbsfleet United, Chaz Webster remembers the same person, but from the stands where he watched as a teenager.

"He was a typical non-league player we have all seen so many times," he said. "You could see he thought a lot about his game. His skill set was limited.

"There was no indication that he was to become a world class coach. He played with a smile and was committed and was enthusiastic.

"I would never come away from a game and say what a great player he was, that he illuminated the Stonebridge Road pitch, because he didn't, and the crowd sometimes got on his back.

"He is a decent chap and I think he's going to be a big asset to England after what we have been through with the foreign imports."

Current Maidstone United chairman Bill Williams joined Maidstone after Hodgson had left, but their paths were to cross eventually, and not



Picture: MIKHAIL SLAIN

## NO CHANGE:

Roy Hodgson is still the same genuine man he was when playing non-league football in Kent in the 1970s according to those who knew him.

just the once.

Mr Williams went on to manage Durban United in South Africa while Hodgson was a player/coach with Berea Park.

"It was unusual," he said, "In my case I got there because I was head hunted because I was an ex-pro and he went out because basically Bobby was married to a South African girl.

"Whenever I talked to him he was very tactical, interested in coaching all his life, more than the playing side.

"That's come out in his career, that's his forte."

Mr Williams came into contact with him more recently when he sold now Manchester United defender Chris Smalling to Fulham when Hodgson was in charge at Craven Cottage in 2008.

One can only hope his first challenge with England at the Euros this summer can be somewhere near as successful as the cup run he played a part in with Ashford Town in 1972 when they reached the FA Trophy Semi-Final before losing to Scarborough 1-0.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

## ROY'S CAREER IN KENT

■ **Tonbridge**  
1969/70 season.  
Joined from Sutton.  
Appearances: 26  
Goals: 1

■ **Gravesend & Northfleet**  
1970/71 season  
Appearances: 59 (6 sub)  
Goals: 1 in a 2-2 draw at Rugby Town

■ **Maidstone**  
1971/72 season  
Appearances: 35 (3 sub)  
Debut on August 21, 1971 as a sub in 2-0 win against Woodford Town in the Southern League Cup qualifying round  
Goals: 2, against Grays Athletic and Bromley.

■ **Ashford Town**  
1972/73 season  
Appearances: 30 games (15 league, 15 cup)  
Goals: 3  
Final game was on Boxing day at Hastings when Town lost 3-2.  
Left in January 1973 to join Berea Park in South Africa where Bobby Houghton was manager.

## MANAGERIAL RECORD

England.....2012-????  
West Brom.....2011-12  
Liverpool.....2010-11  
Fulham.....2007-10  
Finland.....2006-07  
Viking.....2004-05  
U.A.E.....2002-04  
Udinese.....2001  
Copenhagen.....2000-01  
Grasshoppers 1999-2000  
Inter Milan.....1999  
Blackburn.....1997-98  
Inter Milan.....1995-97  
Switzerland.....1992-95  
Neuchatel Xamax 1990-92  
Malmo FF.....1985-89  
Orebro.....1983-84  
Oddevold.....1982  
Bristol City.....1982



Picture: ADY KERRY

## FOOTBALL

## October away day a painful memory in the career of young full-back Fish

MOST people probably won't remember what happened at 4.28pm on a dreary, wet afternoon in Morecambe on October 29.

But for Gillingham defender Matt Fish it's an all too painful memory.

His side were looking to find their way back into the game with the score at 1-0 in the 68th minute when a miss-timed interception by the right back let Izak Reid race to the bye-line and cut back for Kevin Ellison to double the Shrimps' lead.

Instead of forgetting it the 22-year-old has used it to turn his season around.

He has started the last nine games, and made a man of the match performance in their last home game, a 3-1 win over champions Swindon.

"He nicked it from me, squared it and they scored," he said. "You live and learn, that's the sort of thing that's made me sit up and think I need to grow up, I'm hoping

I've done that.

"It's been a big learning curve this year, I have enjoyed it.

"It made me realise I needed to work on my defensive game. I went and did that on the training ground. The last five games I have come into my own and found my feet."

The former Crystal Palace trainee came to Priestfield last summer after four successful seasons at Dover Athletic.

He made more than 160 appearances at the Crabble Ground where he played under Andy Hessenthaler winning two successive promotions, while also narrowly missing out on the play-offs two seasons running, and while he feels he was well prepared at Dover, he admits it was tough coming back into league football.

"I feel like going down to non-league

gave me the experience I needed, working with ex pros," he said.

"That's helped prepare me for coming back into the league.

"Coming back into full time football was a big step up.

"At Dover where I was for four seasons, after the first couple the fans got to know me and the way I played.

"When I came here I did get a bit of stick at the start, but I'm hoping I have turned the fans around.

"It was going to be tough coming back into the league and getting to know everybody. It's a lot different to non-league.

"You're training every day, it takes its toll on your legs when you just come back into it.

"It was difficult to start off with, I feel like I have grown into it."

**HIGH STANDARDS:** Matt Fish spurred on by mistake



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at Priestfield, kick-off 3pm

# Forget the injury list, we just haven't performed

By Greg Miles

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IT'S the injury list to end of all injury lists.

Gillingham have had a massive 16 players out during the season, with more fighting it out for a spare chair in the physio's room than fighting it out on the training pitch some weeks.

That coupled with a poor disciplinary record has made selecting a consistent starting line-up almost impossible.

But for Gills assistant manager Nicky Southall the truth is they just haven't been good enough.

"I have never had the injury list that this club has had at all. I feel sorry for the physios," he said. "We have had more sat in the physio's room than out on the training pitch at times."

"We went to Shrewsbury and went into the game and we had no forwards. We had to play Curtis Weston up front, it's been that brutal at times."

"We know where we have gone wrong this season, inconsistency, suspensions, and lack of form. You have got to be brutally honest some times, some players have not performed, they know who they are."

"We have been leading goalscorers in the league and that's without Adam Birchall, but we have been conceding goals."

Gillingham's last match of the season tomorrow, at home to Morecambe, took on less significance thanks to an injury-time equaliser by Nick Powell for Crewe at Torquay which kept them four points clear of Andy Hessenthaler's side.

Picture: ADY KERRY



**HONEST:** Assistant boss Nicky Southall says club are 'duty bound' to win final home game of the season

Southall knows there is nothing riding on the game other than pride.

"It's our last home game, we want to go and win the game. We are duty bound to do that," he said. "Obviously there's nothing to play for apart from pride."

"We want to finish the season with a good game, we are obviously very disappointed after

## FACT FILE:

### MORECAMBE

#### HEAD-TO-HEAD:

Gills 2 wins, Morecambe 1 win

#### LAST MEETING:

Morecambe 2 Gillingham 1  
October 29, 2011 (League Two)

#### PREVIOUS GAME:

Morecambe 2 Plymouth 2  
April 28, 2012

#### MORECAMBE'S FORM:

DLDLLW

#### LEAGUE POSITION:

14th

**TALKING POINT:** With nothing left to play for can the Gills players end the season on a high after missing out on the play-offs for the second successive year?



## RUGBY LEAGUE

# Dragons fired up for giant killing after poor opener

MEDWAY Dragons head coach Martin Coyd has vowed that they will be more prepared for their second match of the season this weekend after a narrow defeat last time out.

The Dragons lost 38-34 to Southampton Spitfires last Saturday, a result which disappointed Coyd who feels they were no where near as prepared as they should have been.

They take on Guildford Giants in their first home fixture this Saturday with Coyd expecting a better performance.

"We were pretty disappointed," he said. "They scored four tries from a very short distance."

"It's an easy fix and will be sorted for this Saturday. We go out to win, but we weren't as prepared as we would like."

"There was a huge turnout at training and we are getting ready to put it behind us."

"We weren't as prepared as we wanted to be but we will be on Saturday when we play Guildford."

"They are a good side. They are well coached, and they have got great facilities that attracts big



**UNPREPARED:** Coyd wants change

players.

"They are a young side like ourselves and they are still progressing."

He said the introduction of a reserve side which plays its first game in two weeks time, will add competition for places to the squad.

He said: "We have got a second team, and players will have an opportunity to come in and prove themselves."

## FOOTBALL

# Young Gills blast five past Welling to clinch trophy

GILLINGHAM'S youngsters scored five second half goals to complete a convincing cup final win over Welling at Priestfield.

The under-18s, coached by Darren Hare, were playing in the final of the John Ullmann Memorial Cup.

The young Gills dominated the first half, with two goals disallowed and an effort hitting the post.

But the second half was barely two minutes old when George Humber scored his first of two.

Captain Bradley Dack added the second from the penalty spot before Josh Patrick netted for the visitors.

Humber got his second, and Nathan Nyafli the fifth after build up play involving man of the match Dack.

Hare said: "I don't think we had enough composure and maybe enough outrageous confidence to actually get a goal."

"Once we did, I think the result was never in doubt."

It was the final game at under-18 level for Dack, Nyafli, Humber, Jakob Hessenthaler, Josh Hare, and Jack Parter who go on to

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**HAPPY:** Coach Darren Hare

become third-year scholars with the club.

Hare added: "That's what I said to them before the game."

"This is the last game we'll have together as a group."

"Obviously the youth team carries on next season but with a different set of players."

## NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS WITH FRED ATKINS

# Bungle, Zippy but no rainbow

ON a shortlist of one for the award for the worst line in cinematic history is Andie MacDowell's effort at the end of Four Weddings and A Funeral: "Is it raining? I hadn't noticed."

MacDowell delivers the line like a paroled teenager during a job centre interview when she's supposed to be conveying a sense of joy so profound it renders her oblivious to her environment.

The climatic conditions in that scene were mirrored across Kent last Saturday, and it's a fair bet to say that of the couple of thousand fans who were huddled into the county's football grounds, none managed to achieve the level of transcendental ecstasy supposedly experienced by Ms. MacDowell.

The last day of the season is usually one of high drama, played out in broad, life-affirming sunshine.

Yet the only game with anything really riding on it was at Bourne Park, where Maidstone stood an approximately one in 20 chance of reaching the play-offs.

They needed to beat Bognor, who stood a similarly slim chance of winning the Ryman 1 South title, by two goals and hope Godalming lost to Eastbourne.

It was all pretty unlikely, but the lure of tickets for Maidstone's stadium-opening friendly with Brighton pulled in around 400 "home" fans, 200 or more came up from Sussex and there was a hefty number of neutrals.

The man on the wheels of steel, Ian Tucker, played Mr Blue Sky by ELO and U2's Beautiful Day, from his seat in the press area, where the table was covered by half an inch of water and ungloved hands were so cold it took five minutes to tweet any score flashes.

Even if you cowered at the back of the stand or stood on the lee side of the perimeter fencing there was no escape.

This wasn't mere rain.

It was like being sprayed by a dozen jet hoses during quarantine.

A gale blasted across the Swale and as a result the chill factor plunged to mid-winter levels.

On the sidelines a couple were dressed as Zippy and Bungle, the only two people in the ground to uphold the tradition of final day fancy dress.

The game itself turned after an hour when Sam Bewick slipped over with an open goal at his mercy blowing the chance to put Maidstone 3-0 up.

Moments later a home midfielder pulled out of a tackle which can only be described as a "reducer".

He would probably have been sent off had he followed through, but Bognor went on to score the first of four goals, brilliantly turning the game on its head.

For a neutral, it should have been a thriller but the rain meant it was possibly one of the most miserable experiences a human can endure, if you discount war, famine and marrying Andie MacDowell.



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